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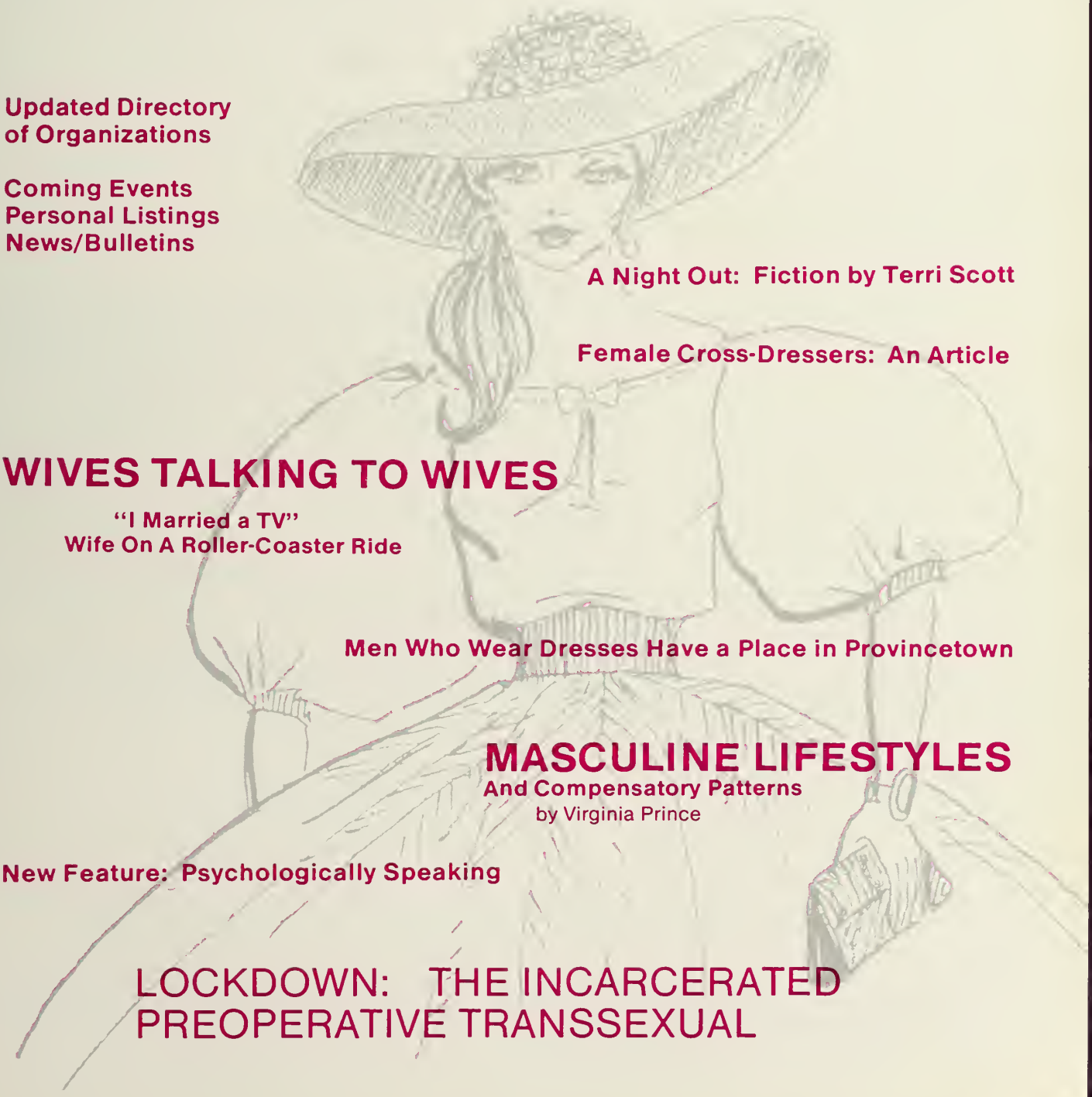

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EDITORIAL

ABOUT WIVES

In November 1974 I told Sherry, my fiancee, that I was a transvestite. After I told her I froze - absolutely terrified of what her reaction might be. Her initial reaction was ... silence ... nothing! She looked at me as though she were watching a boring soap opera on television. Her next reaction was an indifferent, "Oh really?" Then she went silent again, studing this spider plant she had hanging over the kitchen table. Finally she gave me a painful, "Well ... good! What now?" I had no idea 'what now', so I sat at that table studying my thumbnails ... thinking about murdering the spider plant ... waiting. Then Sherry smiled the most beautiful toothy smile I had ever seen. "When you said you like my negligees, you weren't kidding were you?" We laughed, then cried, then made love.

In the years that followed Sherry put my soul in order. She gave me love, and allowed me to love her. She gave me peace of mind, and taught me self acceptance. I would even go so far as to say she saved my life. Then, almost three years to the day after I told her about myself, she passed away. We knew she was ill, so it wasn't as though her death was unexpected, but while she was alive she accepted me, and became part of me. Sherry had become a fundamental part of my being.

I am telling you all this to make a point. Sherry was, and perhaps always will be the single most important person in my life. Most of you are married or are involved in a permanent relationship of some sort. Most likely your spouse or fiancee is to you what Sherry was, and in a way still is, to me. That makes wives very important people.

Because of their relationships with crossdressers, wives are a fundamental element of the TV/TS Community, whether they are involved or not. Yet, very little has ever been done to cater to their needs. That's changing.

In the years B.P. (Before Prince) the TV 'scene' was mostly drag balls, shows, and bars. Then Virginia Prince formed F.P.E. (Foudation for Personality Expression) to cater to the needs of those who were not into the 'drag scene'. She then wrote the book 'The Transvestite And His Wife' (a mainstay in any TV library) and there became a growing awareness of the importance of wives. Groups such as Tri-Ess and Albany TVIC structured their meetings and newsletters to help wives feel welcome. Ariadne Kane pioneered a wives group at Fantasia Fair. Phi Chapter organized their 'Wives and Luvvers' group, and the Tiffany Club organized their 'Wives Support Group'. Last year Tiffany's Wives Support Group sponsored an outing exclusively for couples. I am now receiving letters from groups all over the world that have started to pay special attention to wives, to which I have to say, "It's about time!"

In this issue of the Tapestry we have three articles, 'Wife On A Roller-Coaster Ride', 'I Married A TV', and 'The Other Side'. The first two were written by wives, and the third by a psychologist whose fiancee has taken an active role in the TV/TS Community. Dr. Peo's articles are always intelligent and sensitive, but I am especially pleased with the articles by the wives. It took a lot of courage, and a lot of soul-searching for them to write those articles. They are filled with real human experiences, the ups, the downs, the fears, and the joys. Most of all, they are positive, and filled with hope. That fills us all with hope. I just wish Sherry were here to see it.

My love to you all,

Merissa Sherrill Fox

COMING EVENTS

CALENDER OF
MAJOR EVENTS, 1985

3/29-31/85 Chi Chapter's Michchigan Weekend
4/4-7/85 Windy City Chapter's Spring Fling in Chicago
4/26-28/85 Shangri-La, Biloxi
5/28-6/3/85 Tiffany's Annual Convention in P-town
6/7-9/85 'Be All You Want To Be' Week-End, Michigan
10/4-6/85 Tiffany's Wives Support Group's P-town Outing for Couples
10/18-27/85 Fantasia Fair

New England

** TIFFANY CLUB **
(Open, non-sexual) Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575
Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday
Business Meetings: 8pm, 4th Saturday of each month. General and Key members are encouraged to attend.
Wives Support Group: 7:30pm, Usually the 2nd Friday of each month, but subject to change.
Educational Programs: Topics of specific interests (legal, medical, political, etc). irregularly scheduled
Personal Improvement Classes: (make-up, comportment, wardrobe, etc.) irregularly scheduled
Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Anne Ashley, organizer
Valentine's Party: 7pm, Satururday, February 16, 1985
St. Patrick's Party: 7pm, Saturday, March 16, 1985
Spring Open House: All day, Saturday, April 20, 1985
Cross-dresser's Convention, P-town: May 28 - June 3, 1985
Couple's P-town Outing: October 4-6, 1985

** OUTREACH INSTITUTE **
P.O. Box 368, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215
Functions: Irregularly scheduled workshops, seminars, etc.
Fantasia Fair: Tentatively scheduled for October 18-27, 1985

** MAYFOWER SOCIETY **
(Boston, sexual alternanatives) Box 66, Allston MA 02134
Meetings: The weekly meeting usually begins at 7pm each Friday night.
Parties: 2nd Saturday of each month.

** HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND **
(Rhode Island, open, nonsexual) Occupant, Box 143, N. Kingston RI 02852
Meetings: First Saturday evening of each month, and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month.
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Halcyon sponsors many events such as overnight trips to P-town and Bar Harbor, boat cruises, dinners, etc. Inquire for events, dates and times.

** HARRIET LANE'S TV SET **
(Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166
Parties: The 2nd and 4th Satururday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.

** XX (TWENTY) CLUB **
(Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, Box 6070 Sta. 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646
Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

** CONN. CHAPTER - GGA **
(Connecticut, Open, nonsexual) Box 744, Branford, CT 06405
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Saturday each month

New York

** NYC GGA CHAPTER **
(Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St., , NYC NY 10019 (212)582-6823
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** JOYCE DEWHURST, BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE **
(NYC, open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048
Birthday Party: 10 p.m. - 4 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 1985
Poconos Weekend: May 17 - 19, 1985

** LEE'S MARDI GRAS **
(Social) Lee's Mardi Gras , 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036
Party Dates: 1985 schedule not yet available.
Columbus Day Outing: Weekend outing to Provincetown, MA. tentatively scheduled for the second weekend of October, 1985

** EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY **
(NYC, For those with S/M & B/D fantasies) The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Sta., NYC, NY 10163 (212) 477-6588
Functions: Frequent events specifically oriented for the TV. Inquire for times & location.

** LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB **
(Open, non-sexual) Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

** CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) **
(Metro NY, Closed, heterosexual) L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

** TV ENTERTAINERS GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) Alice Hess, PO Box 666, Albany, NY 12201 518-463-7774 (ask for Wilma)
Meetings: 7 p.m. the 2nd Saturday each month at 226 Jefferson St., Albany, NY

** BUTTERFLY **
(Western NY, Open, Non-sexual) PO Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760)
Meetings: Scedule unavailable

** 'EON' **
(Open, non-sexual) Eon, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** BUFFALO, NY **
(Western NY, Open) J. Storm, PO BOX 302, Buffalo, NY 14205
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

New Jersey, Pennsylvania

** NU CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Northern NJ, Open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

** SUE HALL **
(NJ, TVs and Swingers) Sue Hall Ent., Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831
Meetings: Mondays, dress as you like

** PHI CHAPTER (GGA) **
(South NJ, Phila., open non-sexual) c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)
Christmas Party: Dec. 22

** TRANSPITT **
(Social, open, non-sexual) Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15211
Meetings: the 3rd Saturday of each odd-numbered month.
Christmas Party: Saturday, 12/15/84

Mid Atlantic

** DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Baltimore - DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254, Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)
Christmas Party: Dec. 22

** ACADAMY AWARDS **
(Baltimore - Wash. DC, Drag - gay) c/o B.A. Lind, Box 11254, Alexandria, VA 22312
Functions: Inquire for events, times, and locations

** CAPITAL CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Baltimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Pam Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall VA 22115
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)

** HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Virginia, open) N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Meetings: irregularly scheduled

** JANUS/DC **
(Washington DC, Transsexual Support) Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20011
Meetings: 4th Thursday each month

South

** THE ELITE TV CO. **
(Georgia, Open) Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP ATLANTA, GA **
(Transsexual support) Mrs. J. Montgomery, PO Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033 404-321-5920
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** SERENITY **
(Open, non-sexual) Nikki Bee, Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022
Meetings: No schedule available at this time.

** GENDER DYSPHORIA CENTER **
(Galveston, transsexual support) Alice (713) 763-6227
Meetings: 1st Saturday each month exept July, August & September

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** SAN ANTONIO - GGA **
(Texas, Open, Non-sexual) Jaquiline Allen, c/o SAMC-GGA, Box 169672, San Antonio, TX 78280-3272
Meetings: schedule unavailable

Midwest

** WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month
Spring Fling In Chicago: April 4-7, 1985. Details pending.

** CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS) **
(Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** CROSSROADS CHAPTER **
(Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

** PARADISE CLUB **
(Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month. (There are reports of socials during the odd numbered months, but inquire first.)

** GENESIS **
(Open, non-sexual) Genesis, PO Box 954. Elyria, OH 44036
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** IOWA/ILLINOIS CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Eastern Iowa, Western Illinois, Open, Non-sexual) Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** NORTH INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Indiana, Open, non-sexual) c/o Sharon Hart, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: Inquire first

** WISCONSIN NETWORK **
(Open to gay and bi- men and women as well as TVs and TSs, non-sexual) Dee Dailey, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month

Intermountain

** MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY **
(Colorado, open non-sexual) M.R.S., Box 27795, Denver CO 80227
Meetings: 1st Friday of each month at locations to be announced. Also there are reports of daytime meetings, but inquire first.

** DENVER GENDER IDENTITY CENTER **
(Service, information, contacts and professional staff serving the crossdressing community.) Denver GIC, 2715 W. 32nd Ave, Denver CO 80211, 303-458-5378
Morning Group: Inquire for time & day
Adolescent Group: Scheduled according to need. Inquire first.
Spouses Group: 1st Tuesday of each month. (Subject to change. Inquire first.)
Monday Evening Rap Session: Every Monday, 8 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Group: (For those ready to deal with the issues.) Every Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Voice & Movement: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. (by registration only)
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Workshops and seminars for professionals, education, etc. Inquire for topics, times & dates.

** COMMIT **
(Colorado, Social/Service) Commit, P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO 61316 (303) 297-9585
Business meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month
Membership meetings: 2nd Tuesday of February, May, September

Southwest

** SPECTRUM **
(Arizona, open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix AZ 85063
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

California

** SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS) **
(Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Alpha Chapter: (Los Angeles) Inquire
Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Inquire

** CHIC (CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB **
(Closed, heterosexual) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)456-6511
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** SHANGRI-LA CLUB **
(National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri-La West: Annual outing held each June in Stallion Springs, California
Shangri-La '85: Annual five-day vacation held each April near Biloxi, Mississippi

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** SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

** GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANGE (GGA) **
(Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 (408)734-3773
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month
Santa Rosa: 1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2525 Cleveland Ave. (707) 526 2500
Sacramento Chapter: 2nd Friday of each month. Write: Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento CA 95838

** EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC) **
(San Francisco, Open, Non-sexual) Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** PACIFIC CENTER **
(Community Services for sexual minorities) P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (408) 841-6224
Meetings: Rap sessions the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Special Topic or Speaker: Last Friday of each month

Northwest

** NORTHWEST CHAPTER-PORTLAND (GGA) **
(open, non-sexual, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** EMERALD CITY **
(Open, non-sexual) Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE **
(TV/TS Support group, non-sexual) Seattle Counseling Service, 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122
Meetings: Every Friday 8-10 p.m.

** SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER **
(Hawaii) 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 926-1000
Meetings: Discussion group, 7:30, every Tuesday

Canada

** TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) **
(Open, non-sexual) CP 1164 Succ H, Montreal, Que Can H3G-2N1 514-352-7481
Meetings: 2nd Saturday 2:00pm, and 4th Thursday 7:30pm.

** QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL AID, INC. **
(Transsexual support, French speaking) Viviane Audrey, Box 385, Mont-Royal Quebec, Canada H3P-3E6
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** FACT
(FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS) **
FACT, Box 291, Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ont Can L8N-3C8 416-539-7884
Meetings: 2nd Friday of each month, visitors welcome

** METAMORPHOSIS **
(Support for the F-M transsexual) Box 5963, Sta. 'A', Toronto Ont Can M5W-1P4
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

GREAT BRITAIN

** BEAUMONT SOCIETY **
(Closed, heterosexual) Beaumont Society, Box 3084, London England 2C1N-3XX
Meetings: Schedule unavailable, but frequent meetings in 11 chapters.

** SHAFT (SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS) **
(Transsexual support, non-sexual) SHAFT, 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5-9UX
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** FRIEND MERSEYSIDE **
(Closed, heterosexual) 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, L1-4DI England (051)708-0234
Meetings: Fridays 8pm onwards

** THE TV/TS SOCIAL GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) 274 Upper St., Islington, London N.1. England 01-359-4868 (Fri, Sat, Sun 8-10pm)
Meetings: Every Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 11:00pm, at the above address

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EUROPE

** ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE **
(France, closed membership, heterosexual) Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France
Meetings: Schedule not available

** TRANS-CCL **
(France, support for sexual minorities) Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France (1) 226-7048 (also, help line Mon. 8-10pm [1] 627-4936) (Rev. Douce speaks English)
Meetings: 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month
Dinner: 5th Saturday of the month (4 times a year)

** FEMME TRAVESTIE **
(Switzerland, inquire for membership qualifications) Femme Travestie, 8023 Zurich, Postfach 6788, Switzerland
Meetings: Schedule not available, but very active

** F.P.E. **
(Denmark, closed membership, heterosexual) M.A. Postboks 192, DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (do not put F.P.E. on envelope)
Meetings: Schedule not available

FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA

** ELIZABETH CLUB **
(Japan, open) Ant Trading Co., Sakata Bldg, 1-12 Iwamoto-Cho Kanda, Chiuoda-Ku, Tokyo 101, Japan
Meetings: No schedule available. Private facilities in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya

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** SEAHORSE CLUB **
(Australia, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society)
Seahorse Victoria (Melbourne) GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 Australia
Social Evenings: 2nd Saturday of each month
The Seahorse Club of Australia (Sydney) Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia - Meetings: Last Friday of each month
National Seahorse Club of Australia (Adelaide) write: Lynda Ailion, P.O. Box 89, Norwood, South Australia 5067 - meeting schedule unavailable

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** HEDESTHIA **
(New Zealand, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society) Ms J.F. Gall (National Secretary), Hedesthia Central, P.O. Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland 2 New Zealand
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

VACATIONS

** JOYCE DEWHURST'S POCONOS WEEKEND **
(Near Stroudsburg, PA, open, non-sexual) Joyce Dewhurst,37-50 76th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048
May 17, 18, 19 1985: 3-day event at a resort in the Poconos

** SPRING FLING IN CHICAGO - NATIONAL GGA CONFERENCE **
(Chicago, Open, Non-sexual) Sharon Hart, PO Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 312-472-4518
April 18 - 21, 1985: The first of a planned annual event sponsored by the Windy City Chapter of the Gateway Gender Alliance.

** TIFFANY'S 5TH ANNUAL PROVINCETOWN OUTING **
(Cape Cod, open non-sexual) The Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA., 01778 (617)358-5575
May 27 thru June 3, 1985: Annual 3 to 6 day event held each Spring in Provincetown, MA. This is the 'Club Med Vacation' for Crossdressers and friends. There are unlimited activities available in a friendly sea-side community.
There are 3 and 6 night packages available.

** TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS and NACD INC.
2ND ANNUAL CONVENTION **
(Provincetown, Cape Cod) Tapestry, PO Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 617-358-5575
May 28, 29, 30, 31 1985: (Held concurrently with Tiffany's P-town Outing) The Convention is for a) all persons interested in the development of the 'Tapestry' as an effective outreach tool and unifying factor for the TV-TS Community, and b) NACD Inc., the TV-TS Community's own investment corporation.

** SHANGRI-LA **
(open, non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
April 1985 in Biloxi Mississippi
June 21-23, 1985, Annual 3-day event held in Stallion Spring, California

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**THE 'BE ALL YOU WANT TO BE WEEKEND' **
(Michigan, for members of Crossroads Chapter, Chi Chapter, Paradise Club, TransPitt, Genesis) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018
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TAPESTRY MAILBAG

Dear Editor

It has been heartening to see 'The Tapestry' grow in the last few years. Eventually perhaps all our closets will be filled with clothes and all we sisters out in the living room.
Susan C. (MA-0332)

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Dear Friends

I love your magazine (judging by issue #43, the only one I've seen). It is articulate, intelligent, very supportive and makes me very happy to know there are other special people like me.
Heather A. (MA-0661)

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Dear Editor

I find your publication the most thoughtful and caring of those I've read. I particularly respect the taste with which you present your articles - there is humour, but nothing lewd. Thank you for maintaining this policy.

I have over the past 2 weeks finally come to terms with myself and accept myself as a transsexual. I am making contact with as many supportive people as I can, and I am pursuing my goal to live as a woman in as rational a manner as I can. In this regard, I find the Tapestry a valuable resource.
Kathy M. (PA)

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Dear Merissa

I'd like to thank you and your staff for the courteous treatment I received during my visit to your facilities. The Tiffany Club most certainly serves a very real purpose and I am enthused about the prospects of becoming a member. I am confident that the association with others of similar interests will do an enormous amount of good for me.

Dolly (NH-0648)

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Dear Editor

Thank you for Tapestry magazine. I have Issue 43 - my first issue - and I'm delighted. I am concerned, however, about the letter you received from M.C. (ME), who is newly involved with AA, and feels that she must now become a woman. M.C. expressed a plea for help, and I have some for her. If you would be so kind as to either forward my answer to her, or to print it, I would be grateful. - Kathie M.

(Kathie: Thank you for your letter. Given the frightening number of persons with both alcohol and gender problems, your message is important.)

Dear M.C.

Thank you for sharing your story in Tapestry magazine. I know it took quite a bit of courage to write that all down and send it in. Almost as much courage as it took you to get sober - congratulations on that! I am in AA and, like yourself, I'm dealing with problems of what-the-hell-am-I, on top of the problem of staying sober. I know how much this must be tearing at you, dear. Please listen to me - the most important thing in your life now is to stay sober. The rest will come. I'm sure you've heard that over and over from your friends in AA. It's true.

M.C. - before you are a man or a woman, you are you. You are a person with feelings. And you've been out of touch with those feeling for a long long long time. Going to AA meetings, and staying sober is what's going to put you in touch with those feelings so that you'll know what to do with the feminine side of yourself, and it will feel so right to you.

One day at a time, find yourself. You can write to me if you wish. Write to : Kathie Blue Morgan, PO Box 343, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Again - thank you for sharing.

Yours Truly, Kathie (PA)

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BUTTERFLY
A fellowship for the advancement of adoptive gender expression

Dear Editor

I thought I should write and tell you where 'Butterfly' came from and how fast itcame together.

When I moved to Broome County NY from southern CT in 1980 it was quite a shock. While in CT I was loosely a member of the XX Club in Hartford CT - really just one of those passive members who sit, listen and pay my dues. Alone in Broome with a not-very tolerant wife, I promptly went back into the closet (somewhere behind the steamer chest to be exact). This was the case until about a year ago when something snapped (I guess that happens to all of us sooner or later) and the lady inside me said, "Enough is enough". It was at that point that I felt it was time to meet other people. A close friend is a counselor. When we talked I asked her not to betray a trust, but pass my name to any TV/TS's that she might encounter. She did and that's how I met Jessica. We were both delighted to know that each other were not the only ones in this county of 200,000 people.

Deciding that we wanted more friends to play with, we began setting up a network of retailers to support a peer counseling group called 'Butterfly'. (A butterfly was the first thing I saw when I was asked what group I was representing, so 'Butterfly' it was.) As our network grew we had dress shops with special fitting hours, or fitting rooms in one case, special treatment and hours at Merle Norman, Mary Kay, Aloette, Lady Finnel and several salons with full services. One problem, we still only had 2 members! About this time a friend at the local gay alliance

suggested that we distribute flyers around and get listed on all the hot lines. We passed out about 30. This brought in 3 more very experienced members, 2 m-f and 1 f-m. During our honeymoon bliss in obtaining 3 more members I ran across a copy of 'Tapestry'. I promptly called Tiffany, then TVIC, then Harriet Lane's. Armed with the best combination fo information that $35 worth of phone calls could buy I arranged for a press interview. Not bad for a closet TV and a timid TS. The week that our press article ran we also did a radio talk show. (Both the radio show and the article used false names to protect us. That all happened the week of November 20. We haven't had an empty mail box since. 40 initial responses to date. From reading the letters' tone of relief and desparation we know we did the right thing. The risks were great and don't let anyone tell you that that starting a club doesn't bring you out!

Mr. Spock said it best in Star Trek II, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

Do you know what now has 35 members with 28 novices? I give you a hint - it's not a convent. Our first response was from mostly novices just coming out. That's great, but God in heaven where do we start to train them? (If you dear sweet ladies could suggest some approach other than a boot camp training course to train them, we're open to ideas.) To date we're talking about making a binder notebook of all the best articles on dressing, poise, makeup, and conduct that we have collectively. We are also talking about coupling that with a series of group workshops to measure their present skills and pass along new ones. I know it sounds so formal, but they're all asking for the same thing. I suppose if the odds were a little better balanced we could go one-on-one or two-on-one big sister training. The bad thing with that is that we each have expertise in specialized areas. Maybe workshops is a better idea. HELP!

Sorry this letter went on so long, but as you can see, a lot has happened since we started this group at the beginning of SEPTEMBER this year!!!!

Merissa made the comment once that we need to get off of our buns and do it. We did, and it's not hard.

With sisterly love,

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LETTER FROM TAM
(TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL)

Dear Merissa

A lot of things have been happening up her, and I want to give you some feed-back. First, we now have a second place for keyholder-members, separate from the room we have had since last year. This new place is mainly used for private activities and business meetings. Also, we have a phone number (514-352-7481) used to contact me. In a few weeks it will be operated from this apartment by a member on a regular basis. This can be a good opportunity for an Information Distribution Center.

Last week we had two important meetings. One was about a 'coalition' of social activity groups in the Montreal region. The second one was about TAM. We now have a director of publications, and a director of membership. These two responsibility-centers will have to build what it takes to reach our goals. This also means that some controntribution is finally coming from active members. This will bring back your proposition for the distribution of the 'Tapestry by TAM.

The Week-end 'en-femme' in Canada is now possible. I have been gathering contacts and ideas since you talked me into it, will be launching publicity in the weeks to come. It will be a bit

like the Joyce Dewhurst week-end, but there will be activities during the day. The location has been found, a show is available, professionals will be coming to provide some animation for group discussions, and clothing, esthetician and wig-care will be set up for the participants. It has been a long way for someone who is completely unexperienced, but it seems it will be happening!

Finally, I had an idea concerning the 'Tapestry' and small groups. While at the Dewhurst Week-end I talked with other group leaders. We all have the problem of financing, and of putting out a good quality newsletter. The idea is to use space in the Tapestry for this kind of publication. This may have two benefits. First, it would help the groups, and second it would increase circulation..... Besides, it would give a break to those groups whose members have to travel too far to meet other groups, and let leaders chat with other leaders. Please, let me know what you think.

Christine M (CAN-0286)

** In response to the final paragraph of Christine's letter: If I understand her correctly, Christine is suggesting we create a new section, or forum, in the Tapestry exclusively for the smaller groups. Two of the primary objectives of the Tapestry is to provide a communications medium, and a source of financial support for TV-TS organizations. Christine's suggestion is compatible with those objectives. I would greatly appreciate hearing from other groups and group leaders concerning her idea. This is something that can be discussed at GGA's Chicago convention in April and Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing in May, and placed on the agenda for the Tapestry Convention at Tiffany's Outing in June. - MSL)

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Dear Editor

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Donna Marie, and live in Syracuse, NY. I am a heterosexual cross-dresser, age 43, married to an understanding & supportive wife, and we have 4 children.

I consider myself a novice at this time, having only come out of the closet 2 years ago. In the two short years since discovering my true nature, I've progressed at a very rapid pace towards building a proper feminine image, putting together a very complete wardrobe of everything feminine including eyeglasses.

My femme nature has progressed to a point where I now wear panties, nylons, etc. on a daily basis, nightgowns every night and femme footwear most all of the time. I've come to adopt wearing this attire as it feels very natural to me and I now feel unnatural dressing any other way. I dress as Donna Marie very often and would dress as a woman all the time, where there not a double standard in today's society. I love to go out for walks as Donna, have driven my car, gone window shopping and eaten out as a woman.

Recently I discovered a new group starting here in Syracuse and another in the southern tier of NY state. Both the Syracuse group (as yet un-named) and 'Butterfly' are being organized by members of Tiffany Club. I've talked with Angela of Syracuse and plan to help her organize this new group. I've also talked with the gal from 'Butterfly' and plan to join this group also.

I am a Tri-Ess girl and only recently found out about Tiffany Club. Winnie of Schenectady was here in November for a visit and gave me an older issue of 'Tapestry'. I feel 'Tapestry' is the Best Publication I've ever seen, dealing with TVs and TSs.

Regards, Donna Marie (NY)

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Dear Merissa

Thank you and the rest of the crew for Barb and myself for taking such good care of us at Thanksgiving dinner at Tiffany. Certainly enjoyed the opportunity to see how things functioned at Tiffany.

I have been in contact with Cheryl of the 'Butterfly' group in Central New York and look forward soon to some personal contact. I have been made

what you might call a Charter Member solely on the basis of your conversations with Cheryl about me. I have offered to help in any way I can with her programs, and also Barb is willing to ally with any support groups that may come about.

Enjoyed the last issue of 'Tapestry' very much, and happy to see that 'Butterfly' already had a listing in its directory. (I get to read the 'Tapestry' whenever I want as long as Barb has already finished reading it and lets me have it.)

Maureen (NY)

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INTRODUCING T-TVC

(** Don't take this new group too seriously. -ED)

Dear Editor

There was a time, I admit, when "Dressing-Up" was once a thrill. Not only a thrill, but an adventure. But alas, all pleasures fade in the face of the one bit of naked truth that I have uncovered about Cross-dressing: IT'S JUST PLAIN WORK! When going out in public, attending parties, etc. was new to me I was blinded by the lingerie to the realities of the situation. I didn't realize that for every hour I spent dressed in femme attire, it took an equal amount of time in preparation. Sure, I've done well in some aspects. There are few that can equal me when it comes to grinding out a decent photo portrait. But at what cost? I could have done something useful like having a beer or studying the Peloponnesian Wars instead of the gawd-awful amount of work that goes into getting a picture session done. My photographer is no cream puff, so it's all work when I pose for him. It's sort of like an afternoon with Mistress Von Stern! And sure, going out brings the gypsy out in my soul but after an evening prancing around the bars I feel like the oldest Tart in Soho. I've had these feelings for a long time but I tend to weaken in the face of TV peer pressure. Some people have a hard time undrstanding that a TV can hate getting dressed up!

dIn order to stiffen my resolve to resist peer pressure and promote better understanding of TVs who are too jaded to dress up anymore, I am creating a new group named T-TVC (the Tired TV Club). Our motto is, "Not tonight, I have a headache." Membership is free to all tired TVs. (Write me in care of the Tiffany Club for details.)

Non-dressing TVs should band together and learn to handle the stress caused by not dressing. Some tired TVs feel a deep sense of shame for not wearing femme attire when the opportunity arises. Others feel guilty when they think of all the hassle and bother they miss when they decide to wear jeans and T-shirt instead of an evening gown at a TV event. It's time we tired TVs came out of the closet! (Except for the clothing - that stays!)

Sincerely,

Malinda Lee Anderson (WI-0284)

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"A Place To Begin"

Dear Editor

Thank you all for our magazine, its services, information, & opportunity to contact others who share the lonliness, happiness & intrigue of this myster called 'life'. I have made contacts, and friends. I am not alone.

A complaint.

Being black, I must say I was made very unhappy by the opening of the story 'Morning After'. The story was fiction, so why did the 'rape' have to be done by blacks? It really didn't make the story. The bottom line was two human beings meeting & becoming strong together. Blacks committing crime just added fuel to some people's hang-ups. A minority within a minority shouldn't be in our organization. Black or white, we are sisters all.

Love, Roie (NJ-0550)

(** An apology! I have read Roie's complaint, and I totally agree with her - we are sisters all. The 'rape' incident in my story was based on an event that was very close to home. The antagonists in that event happened to be black. The description of the rape and the aggressors in my story was a description of that event. It was very careless of me to not take into consideration the sensitivity some people would have for such a racial description. I offer my sincere apology to any and every one who may have been offended by my description. - Merissa Sherrill Lynn)

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Dear Editor

I've just finished reading the latest issue of the 'Tapestry' and it is one of the best yet! The articles were excellent and several friends (TSs) have read them also and have been quite impressed. The main reason I am writing is in connection with a letter that was printed from Ina Rubin and Phil Salem. The letter had some interesting "facts(?)" and information which made the "U.S. TV-TS Contact Service" sound quite attractive. I do not intend to pass judgment on the service but I would caution Tiffany members and others who are interested in the service to be careful and not rush in to something without getting ALL of the facts.

Soon after receiving an introductory letter from Mr. Salem I received Letters from several of my friends from other parts of the country. My friends (TVs) had received similar letters and they wondered how someone had gotten their addresses without their knowledge or approval. I asked around to see what I could find out obout the service (apart from all of the testimonial letters/copies that Mr. Salem had included in his letter to me) and was surprised. I found several people who had received letters asking them if they would join the service for a fee but I didn't find anyone who had ever used the service or who had friends using the service. This was surprising since I have a very large circle of correspondents worldwide, and a fair amount are Tiffany members.

I did find one TV (close friend) who had heard of the service and who also had several complaints concerning the service. It seems that the service had, through some means, compiled the names, addresses, and in some cases telephone numbers of quite a few TVs and TSs. This was published in a "Directory" and sold to the public for a sum of $20, give or take. The publishing was without the knowledge or approval of at least several of the people listed and they began to get phone calls in the middle of the night and mail (at their homes) which was quite distressing to them. As we all know, many of our "sisters" cannot afford to have their names and especially phone numbers published as it could reflect on their jobs (security clearances, etc.), their families, or personal well being.

Personally I have had my share of "replies" from unauthorized ads and listings in publications but for me it is more of a nuisance than anything else. However, I do have friends who could be ruined by such publications and therefore I would suggest that ANYONE considering ANY contact service be sure that the service will safeguard their interests and that it is reputable.

In agreement with the Salem/Rubin letter I must say that it is not easy for a TS, pre- or post-op, to meet

someone for a meaningful relationship but then it is not easy for any of us whether we be TV, TS, gay, heterosexual or otherwise. The contacts that I have had from Tiffany suscribers (from my Tapestry listing) have been more than I could hope for from other sources and with the people being reliable, stable, and honest. In closing I would just like to repeat that old saying, "If something sounds too good to be true it probably is", so be careful! As for the Salem/Rubin service, I haven't made a decision as it has been some weeks since I wrote to them asking for more information about how they operate and I still have no reply.

Danielle (CA-0553)

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Dear Editor

I would like to congratulate you on the steady improvement of your publication, and would like to make a suggestion on how to possibly improve it even more. My suggestion is to list names of stores who cater to men clients in a friendly, understanding and supportive manner. I make this suggestion as I am still a closet TV and am very uncomfortable when purchasing lingerie in a department store. I have yet to get the nerve to purchase a dress in public, and would be more at ease knowing that a particular sales lady understands my situation and doesn't look down on me for it.

Paulette (MA-0563)

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Dear Editor

My present ad has drawn considerable interest and has given me the firm belief that my underfashion expertise can be very beneficial. Not only is a good figure important to the TV, but it's fun. I have found most of the inquiries concern specific figure problems from which I draw from about 50 catalogs to answer by making specific size/style etc recommendations which I follow up with where the item can be purchased. I have an ongoing working relationship with a local intimate apparel shop where I have made arrangements for personal fittings and consultation privately after hours.

Shortly I am hopeful of joining forces with my electrologist who just happens to also have a wig business and is a whiz at cosmetics. I hope to call our joint venture 'Inside/Out' speaking to our respective specializations. Marketing plans call for a large ad in 'Tapestry'. we'll let you know.

Carol Taylor (NY-0428)
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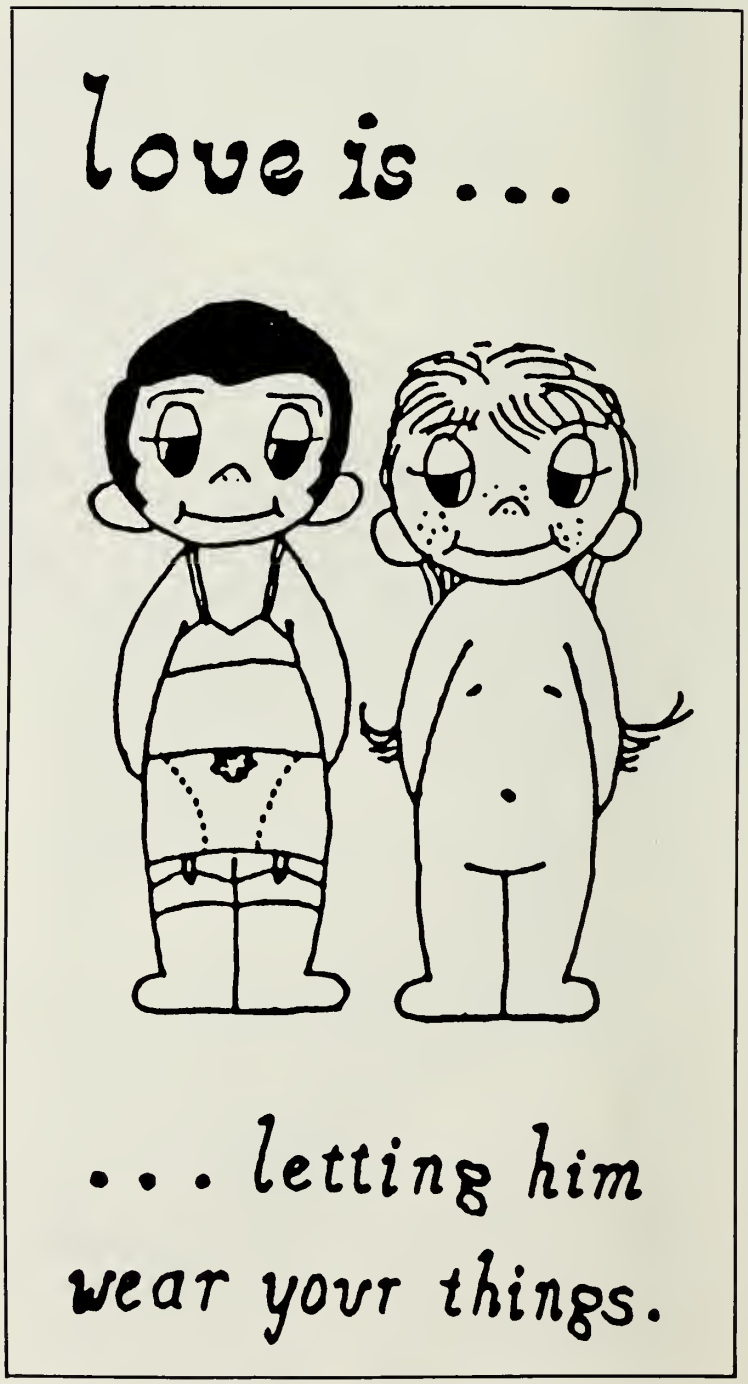

FORUM

The Forum is for exploring what we think, what we feel, what we say and do. It is for exploring our difficulties, our guilts and fears, and how we can overcome them. The Forum is not for fiction, or fantasy, or technical articles. Rather, it is for talk, for thought, for understanding ourselves and one another, and sharing ourselves with others.

If you have an item you wish to submit for publication in the Forum, send it to: Editor, The Tapestry, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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(The following letter is from Niela Miller, a humanistic therapist, Director of 'People*Systems Potential', and member of the 'TV-TS Tapestry' Board of Advisors.)

Dear Readers:

Several times a month I receive calls from crossdressers or aspiring transsexuals who have never spoken to anyone else about their lifestyle. Most of them who finally overcame their intense fear of reaching out and talking to a stranger that first time were obviously in emotional conflict and pain. They called to find out what kind of help they might be able to get from me. We chatted. they seemed grateful and momentarily relieved to have, at last, shared their dark secret with a receptive human being. Usually, even though they told me they needed someone to talk to, they seemed terrified to trust me and that was the last I heard from them.

I realize that calling for help is scary, but once someone has made up their mind to call me, to trust this stranger, it's not so bad. Maybe it would be easier for them, and perhaps for you, if you knew something about me and my work.

I became involved with the TV-TS world through Ariadne Kane, Director of the Outreach Institute, whom I met through a mutual professional colleague (and friend). This person thought that my being a humanistic psycho-therapist would be a new resource for TVs who have often had frustrating experiences looking for help from traditional psychologists who treated them as 'sick' persons in need of a cure. Through Ari I became involved with the TV world. Together we did various seminars and workshops. Then Ari invited me to be a resource person at Fantasia Fair where I conducted wive's support groups and personal growth groups for participants. Over the last four years I have made good TV and TS friends both at Fantasia Fair and at the Tiffany Club. I have learned a lot - both about them and about myself by being with them.

Now that you know something about how I became involved, I'd like you to have a better idea of my work.

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I see my role as a counselor to aid you, thus, in fulfilling your potential, in understanding that every aspect of your psyche is valuable and has its purpose, in helping you create a life which feels integrated and self-supporting.

I do not treat the gender dysphoric person as 'sick' or as a special case different from any other person with internal conflicts. For example, the housewife who is pining to be a career woman but doesn't dare tell her family for fear of reprisal or dis-

approval is just as internally conflicted and in need of support as the man who secretly yearns to play out a fem role and is afraid to talk to anyone about it. Culturally, of course, there are more difficulties for that man should he venture forth, but in the psyche the suffering can be just as acute with either.

Those TVs who have made the decision to work with me for a period of time have learned all kinds of things about themselves and have acquired tools for staying aware and growing which they did not expect when they started. We talk about the person's whole life, not just his cross-dressing so that he has a context for encountering many parts of himself. The overwhelming feeling of these clients is relief in being able to "let their hair down" freely with someone who will hold their disclosures as fully confidential and who does not judge them or try to change them. They also become much clearer about their goals, their inner resources, more skilled at communicating with significant persons in their life, more respectful of themselves and more accepting and caring of who they are.

I encourage those of you who know it would help you to talk to someone on a regular basis to reach out, take the first or second step, whether it's with me, or a supportive group such as the Tiffany Club. I want to be of service to anyone who is seriously interested in being responsible for his/her life and is willing to trust him/herself with me.

Until we meet, peace be with you.

Niela Miller, Director
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Dear Editor

My letter probably is not going to sound like any you and perhaps anyone else has read so far on the subject of transvestism - or cross-dressing if you prefer.

I am a TV without guilt and I never had it. I only know how to do what I do with confidence, or not at all. My cross-dressing started about 14 years ago. I was staying in a sanatorium. At the time I did not work, and had no friends to speak of. I therefore had only my own inner desire and conscience, tailored by my pocketbook size and the not-so-strict discipline of the establishment, to act as limitations for my cross-dressing. Since I was living in Milan Italy at the time, it was easy for me to find nice women's clothes and shoes. (I really miss my patent blue leather shoes I had made for myself. They were so pretty and looked so well on me with white hose.) I wore my hair long and frequently in a pony tail embellished with a ribbon. I wore my part in the middle, and tried to have my side hairline form two semi-circles over each ear. (I nevewr quite succeeded without the use of hair pins.)

It may seem strange to you as well as your readers that I never knew I was a TV until many years later, and no one in that long stay of mine in 'mental' institutions even informed me that I was. Instead, I thought of myself as a dandy, for reasons of my own.

Since 1968 I had become a great 19th century dandy admirer. Indeed, I worshipped them and still do. I am a lover of style and my style takes me out of this world, out of this age.

I was taking 'psychoanalysis' sessions at the time. The psychoanalysist told me, in the presence of the group, that I was trying to reunite my mother and my father together (they were divorced). He probably told me that because I was wearing women's clothes and yet sported a beard. It didn't occur to him that I was simply a cross-dresser a little out of touch with my feelings.

It never really occured to me that my cross-dressing and the strange energy I put out ever gets in the way of anything. My self-absorption and self-pride cover it all. (Also, since I come from a wealthy family, never had to work hard for a living.) But I have never been very goal-oriented, and I have somehow been unable to infiltrate myself into the system.

I really desperately need to get in touch with other TVs, although I sort of think of myself as hopelessly individual. People stare at me in the

area in which I live, but they have been doing that for so many years I don't even notice it anymore. I presently have two girl friends which mean a great deal to me. Women have always meant a great deal to me. Although I realize I am a 'people' love when brought out of my shell. I love kids and they love me. The open-hearted always love me. I love sports but have become so disgusted with the macho sports world that I no longer am actively engaged in sports except for jazzercise and ballet training.

I never really have passed as a woman although I've been mistaken for one repeatedly throughout the years. I never got into brassierse and paddings, although I am open to suggestions. What society considers I do is feminine although I don't see it as such, nevertheless, I am interested in exploring the feminine mystique and women in general. I consider my cross-dressing an extension of my love for women who are the superior beings of the planet in this age.

I should mention that I highly appreciate your definition update. you seem to be a highly intelligent with-it person.

I hope to contact other TVs/TSs, but ones who are into the real man/woman, not just the superficialities of gender role.

Angelique (CA-0578)

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POETRY

"THE SHADOWS OF MY MIND"
by Samantha

In the whirlpool of my dreams,
All the silks and the finery
It seems
Are the ecstasies for
The shadown of my mind.
The swirl of pleats,
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WIVES TALKING TO WIVES

(** The following letter was reprinted with permission from Chi Delta Mu's newsletter. Those wishing to respond may do so by writing Marilyn c/o L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960.)

Dear Editor

A question often asked of me is "Why do you participate in your husband's activities with cross-dressing?" The answer to that question would probably fill a book, but I will give a brief summation.

I first saw Len at the age of eleven and knew "I was in love." (I wasn't the girl next door, but across the street.) We married ten years later and will be celebrating our31st anniversary this week. We have three children and three grandchildren (#4 on the way). Well this all sounds great - waht's the problem?

There's another woman in our lives and her name is Lynda, she's been a part of my husband since before me. I have hated her, been jealous and even felt sorry for her at times. I did not learn about her until our 10th year of marriage. I was devastated, heartbroken - but the bottom line was I loved this person and we would work through his problem. We were working through unsuccessfully for another ten yeazrs, until I was able to find literature and began to search for answers. We truly were compatable, enjoyed each other tremendously - except for Lynda's visits. Then we found Dr. Garrett Oppenheim and his wife Fae (Confide, Tappan, NY). We attended their group sessions for a few years - Garrett made me aware that it was not Len's problem - but ours - and did it have to be a problem? Lynda needed more social interaction, so we attended Fantasia Fair in Provincetown (sponsored by Ariadne Kane's Outreach), and learned about Tri Ess and the Chi Delta Mu Chapter.

I personally participated because I would rather be included in my husband's "hobby" than be at home sulking (which I know I would be doing). I also know I am not encouraging him to continue dressing by participating - he would do so anyhow, and I have made many good friends in this 'paraculture' (Ariadne's word).

I am not denying that there were lots of tears and many sad moments, but I will say that there's been more laughs and good times since I have been trying to accept Lynda. The three of us still have our moments.

Marilyn F.

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POETRY

'TO MY WIFE'
- ANON

It's been quite a trip
From the valley of darkness
Up the mountainside.

With a gasp of disbelief
And a cry of utter joy
I see whence I have come.

Even greater heights
Stretch far above me
Inviting upward growth.

Like the rocks around me
That strew the tortuous trail
I have endurance and strength.

My heart pounds from the climb
And the beauty of the view
To remind me I am fully human.

Many times along the way
The reservoir of faith
Threatened to run dry.

Prevailing, proud, I am thankful
To have had your love
With me on the journey.

TERRI'S THOUGHTS
by Terri Scott

'FANTASIES'

Our lives are filled with fantasies and the hopes that we can some day fulfill them. Like any gal, I have more than my share but there is always a problem with my fantasies, because, basically, I am a pessimist. Now if there is anything in direct conflict it is fantasizing and being a pessimist. For example, I dream of being Loni Anderson for a day but I know with my luck the day that Loni and I swap lives will be the day that she has a bad head cold plus her period and her hairdresser has just quit.

Then there is the fantasy of being a PLAYBOY centerspread lady, but the the photographer would probably have is lights misadjusted and I'd get a severe sunburn.

Being a beautiful bride in a lovely white lace dress has always been at the top of my list of fantasies but someone would probably step on the lovely long train as I walked down the aisle tearing the veil off my head. Well at least they wouldn't pull my wig off because in my fantasies I'm 100% real girl. I also worry about the bridesmaids' dresses being the wrong color, the flowers not being delivered on time and the groom not showing up but those are the worries of any bride!

What about the honeymoon afterwards to some exotic tropical island where I wear my skimpiest bikini and get sunburned. Or, the Bikini doesn't fit because I ate too much wedding cake or, worse yet, the situation faced by so many brides today.... being pregnant. Well, if I'm going to be the real thing in my fantasies, I have to deal with the real problems of being female. Yes, the joys of morning sickness which certainly can ruin any any honeymoon.

You've seen them in COSMOPOLITAN, makeovers that turn the average female into a sensuous beauty that is every man'd dream Goddess, but what if the cosmetician has an off day and I turn out like one that didn't work out. You surely don't think that every one is a success do you?

An exclusive high society dinner party: I enter, the epitome of feminine loveliness in my long super expensive strapless designer evening gown and trip on the rug and fall into the punch. I can't help it, I am a klutz, always falling and stumbling and I can't expect that to change even in a fantasy.

Prom night: I'm wearing a beautiful chiffon dress with a lovely pink sash. My beautiful youn breasts are discreetly pushed up to give me an intoxicating cleavage until my date hugs me and my bra snaps open and my cleavage heads south.

I'm leaving Saks Fifth Avenue with my new mink coat in a gigantic box. My excitement turns to sorrow as a clumsy pedestrian bumps into me and my mink box falls into the street and is promptly run over by a taxicab. The next time, I'll wear it even if it is the middle of July and 100 degrees!

There are more fantasies and all with the same problems. Maybe you can take more of them but I can't. So I'll leave you to your fantasies and hope that you are more of an optimist than I. Enjoy them and if you see me in them, wake up!

'ONE BROTHER, ONE NIGHTGOWN AND FEMININITY

He did it again! My brother entered the department store with no conscious intention to buy anything for me. Well almost; he always walks by the lingerie department to satisfy my curiosity. If only they hadn't put that absolutely stunning white lace pegnoir and gown right out front, right on the aisle, he never would have noticed it nor bought it! After all, I really can't blame him; it is so beautiful, and besides that, it was on sale. Naturally, he knew that I wanted it; I want everything!

Now, I didn't really need another nightgown; I already have eleven! But, how many women really need another nightgown? Women receive nightgowns constantly for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, birthdays and whenever a husband or boyfriend is trying to make up or do something special for them. The male motive for giving nightgowns has to be suspect with the correlation with bed and sex but what else would you expect? Being a woman is wonderful and a beautiful pegnoir

and nightgown reminds you just how wonderful it is and how special you are even when you already have eleven of them in the drawer!

Naturally, I was thrilled and happy to receive such a beautiful, feminine gift. It also made me think of our natural sisters. The previous Sunday's newspaper had an article on what women wear to bed. There were the feminine and romantic that adore something frilly and lacy (me, me), those who prefer simple practical attire like men's T-shirts, football jerseys, jogging suits or flannel pajamas (ugh) and those who say natural is real comfort. The feminine freedom of choice was expressed by several ladies. Many admitted to never wearing that romantic, frilly nightie that they received as a gift. Well, to each her own, and I cast my vote for romantic. Football jerseys belong on football players, not ladies!

It is all a matter of a woman's personal style as to what she chooses for bedtime. Men seem to prefer their ladies to be romantically attired but not all women are so inclined. We seem to emulate ladies not only in our nightwear but all of our clothing and in our style. Is it because of the male hormones running wild in our systems or because the feminine woman is the epitome of femininity and womanhood that we aspire to emulate? I feel that it is the latter reason. We want so badly to be women and eradicate the symbols of masculinity and being the completely feminine woman does that completely, so we try to be like her. Being like her rids us of the male characteristics that we want to eliminate so badly.

So, thanks to my brother and his belief that the quickest way through any department store is through the lingerie, cosmetic, women's fashion and accessory departments, I have another beautiful addition to my wardrobe. Also, one more key to femininity and the hope that one of these days I will get the key that will unlock the door to femininity forever.

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** This letter was sent by Barbara Jane A. (WI-0655) to 'The American Journal of Psychiatry' on 12-7-84. We thank Barbara for sharing her thoughts with us. - ED

TRANSGENDER SCHIZOPHRENIA

Sir:

This letter is written from a personal perspective, as I have been on the schizoid-schizophrenic "ladder" since adolescence, and have been seeing psychiatrists and other therapists since 1949. I have been a "closet" cross-dresser for the past dozen years, and have come to identify strongly with transsexuals.

I agree with Dr. R.D. Laing's view in 'The Divided Self' that the schizophrenic split is between the "true inner self" and the "false outer self". I feel that in some (many?) male schizos the inner self is a "girl" and the outer self is a "guy".

What causes such a split? In a March 1973 article in 'The American Journal of Nursing' entitled 'Transsexualism', Doctors Harry Benjamin and Charles Ihlenfeld wrote:

"Where cross-gender characteristics are present from birth but are actively rejected by the family, the child may well learn to withdraw from a significant emotional sharing of self with the family. This child, whose family rejects his or her cross-gender characteristics, looks inward for satisfaction in fantasy."

My comment on the forgoing - "and is started on the road to becoming schizophrenic."

The boy with a transgender makeup or predisposition may be moved farther along this road in adolescence when boys are expected to be masculine and he (at least his inner self) rejects this, and his peers (boys and girls) reject him. This tends to make him a loner and isolate, often a big element in the schizoid-schizophrenic pattern.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

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Dear Tiffany Club

After reading four issues of 'TV-TS Tapestry', I am finally sending my subscription. I live only a few miles away from Wayland, but in terms of actually getting into Tiffany it seems like a million miles away.

I deeply want and need the companionship and support which I feel Tiffany can provide. Yet I don't know how to force the issue with my wife. She knows I dress, but has no idea of what I mean when I say "dress". She really can't bare the idea of seeing me dressed - either in person or in a photo. What would she say if she saw my collection of exotic underwears. Could she understand the breast forms; could she possibly understand why I have a collection of makeup that would rival a small drugstore? I doubt it, and I doubt she could believe the total image I present when I am 'Christy' in person.

So here I am - trying to control my inner urges and desires while I fight to make sure I can preserve my relationship with my wife whom I love and adore without question. I could mess up a very stong relationship built on a lot of love and mutual respect.

I guess I might hope that through Tiffany I might find the answers to let me acknowledge my femme self, yet preserve and strengthen a great marriage.

If you have any suggestions, let me know so I can have some peace of mind for the first time in a long long time.

Christina (MA-0649)

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Dear Editor

I have just recently discovered your marvelous publication and I thought I would take this opportunity to congratulate you on your accomplishments, all of which were badly needed. I hope you don't think it forward of me, but I desparately need to unburden myself on someone who will understand my predicament.

My name is 'Diane'. I am 37 years old, married, and have 3 children, aged 4, 9 and 11. I have been a transvestite since I was about 8 years old. I have gone through most of the usual trials and experiences of others of our persuasion - curiosity, discovering of the pleasures of being feminine, guilt, shame, abandonment of several wardrobes, resolve to quit, weakness and giving in and starting all over again. I married with all the best intentions, with absolute resolve to never "dress up" again. I loved my wife then and I still love her after 15 years of marriage. I have, however, continued to "dress up", on and off, through most of those years.

In the past couple of years I have slowly started to realize the 'mature' acceptance that eventually comes to most of the 'sisterhood'. Recently, however, my wife discovered my secret and that's when the 'stuff' hit the fan. It has been the most devastating thing that has ever happened to me. She threatened immediate divorce. She was absolutely evil about the whole thing. I tried to make a clean breast of it, but she didn't want to hear any of it. So she is unaware of the frustrations, anxieties and the entire range of other problems that a transvestite goes through. I then had to come to grips with some hard decisions about my priorities. My number one priority is my children. I could not bear the thought of being removed from their daily lives. Coming from a broken home myself, I couldn't do that to them. I've said that I still love my wife and I do. Without the children and given the same circumstances, I could accept a divorce if she absolutely couldn't live with my ways. I truly feel sorry for her, for the hurt I have caused her. She said that she was humiliated and extremely angry and that she didn't know when, if ever, these feelings would fade. I begged her to try to put all this behind us, so we could stay together. She said she would try, but wasn't sure it would work. She said that I must promise to never do this again. I promised.

Now comes the real problem, as I'm sure you know. Having accepted, finally, the feminine side of myself, I doubt that I can keep my promise for very long. It has only been about 3 weeks but I already feel so frustrated I could scream. My needs in this regard are much more psychological than sexual. Every time I see a well

dressed woman on a fashion advertisement I feel pangs of desire that almost bring me to tears. I know that if I succumb to these temptations, I will destroy the only thing that matters more than my own femininity. I truly feel I'm between a 'rock and a hard place' with both closing in on me.

I already feel a little better, having gotten all this down on paper. Thank you so much for listening.

Diane (NY)

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SEX AND GENDER, GAY OR STRAIGHT?
by Micheline Johnson

The following thoughts were brought out into the open again by the sexual orientation question in the questionnaire presented at the last 'Transvestites Au Montreal' (TAM) meeting. Specifically, "Are you gay, hetero, bi ... etc. as he, and and she?"

We should be asking 'are we hetero- or homo-sexual' separately from 'are we hetero- or homo-genderal'.

Sex is defined in terms of chromosomes and in secondary sexual characteristics such as to what extent and in what form the genitals have developed. In these terms, we are male or female, or even hermaphroditic.

Gender is a state of mind, an identity, a way of feeling and behaving. In these terms, we are masculine or feminine, or even androgynous.

One's attitude to a person depends very much on their attitude and behaviour towards you. If a man treats you as a woman, then you can feel a heterogenderal attraction to that person. An uninformed observer, not knowing your feelings or your genderal self identity, might well regard your behaviour as homosexual. But to the participants, the feelings are hetero and conventional "boy-girl" type.

If a woman then treated you as a man (you might be a bit mixed up at first), but you then might well feel a heterogenderal (as well as heterosexual) attraction to the woman if you are transgenderal, i.e. able to switch your genderal identity according to mood or stimulus. If the same woman were to later treat you as a woman, then a homogenderal type attraction could result between you.

Would that make it a lesbian behaviour/feeling? I am not sure. I do not know if 'lesbian' is a sexual or genderal term. Usually it implies both, as do male and masculine, and as female usually implies feminine, etc.

Actually, I have been misusing my sex and gender describing nouns in the above. Male and female are both sex-descriptive adjectives and nouns. Masculine and feminine are gender-descriptive adjectives, whereas the corresponding gender-descriptive nouns are man and woman. Hence, you might be a male or female man or woman, and you might be a masculine or feminine male or female. I will always remain a male, but I can be masculine or feminine (or androgynous), and I can be a man or a woman. Actually, in the sections above where I said "If a man treats you as a woman....", and later: "If a woman treats you as a man....." I had in mind a male man treating you as a woman, and a female woman treating you as a man, etc., but actually for the point I was making, whether they be male or female was irrelevant.

Presumably the questioner writing the questionnaire had in mind whether you and your partner had the same or different genital equipment. Surely, more important is what you feel yourself to be in relation to the other, not what is physically under the clothes. Or, if you are in bed together, what you feel in your lover's arms with your eyes closed is surely more significant.

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POETRY

"LITTLE HAIRS"
by Janice Van Cleve

You can shave them off
. . . but they're still there
Lurking deep down in their lairs
Tomorrow they'll poke up everywhere
How I hate thee, little hairs

Jabbing heads up through my skin
Making a forest of my chin
It's a battle you can't win
How I hate thee, little hairs

Source of blemishes and blights
Borrowing ingrown, awful sight
Cause of more cuts than a fight
How I hate thee, little hairs

Scrapy, scratchy, bristly plague
Black and ugly; sparks my rage
Makes me older than my age
How I hate thee, little hairs

I sometimes think there's nothing worse
Than this relentless, itchy curse
In frustration I end this verse:
How I hate thee, little hairs!

(** Editor's Note: This poem lends itself well to the tune "Golden Slippers". May I suggest combining verses 1 & 2, making the 3rd verse the chorus, then combine verses 4 & 5. The 'song' "Little Hairs" then looks something like this:

Sing verses 1 & 2

Chorus:
I hate thee little hairs (2X)
Source of blemishes and blights
Borrowing ingrown, awful sight
I hate thee little hairs (2X)
Cause of more cuts than a fight
How I hate thee, little hairs

Sing verses 4 & 5

(To get more audience participation you might choose to sing the chorus after each verse.)

SOME MUSINGS ABOUT MEN, AND WOMEN, AND CLOTHES, AND ME
by Paula Louise Riordan

Once when I was in therapy I asked my counselor, "When you pass by a dress shop and see a lovely evening gown on display in the window, don't you ever have a secret yearning to wear it?"

He looked at me with that kind of bland expression counselors are masters at, and replied simply but firmly, "No!"

I did not understand his answer, for not wanting to wear a lovely dress is something I had never experienced, and could not understand. I still can't.

The notion generally prevails that men ordinarily and 'normally' are quite satisfied with wearing clothing styles traditionally accepted as 'manly'. On the other hand fashions for women are so varied that women can wear almost anything they want. Once I saw in a fashion magazine female models sporting little painted-on mustaches. In one magazine a few years ago bald-headed ladies were all the rage. (I'm sure that 'bald is beautiful' will never find acceptance by everyday females.) A more serious attempt at penetrating the male world occurred some years ago with a heavy advertising campaign for ladies' pipes. The pipes created for this fashion were marvelously feminine in shapes and colors, and, of course, bedecked with jewels. The fashion never took. (I always wondered what happened to all those lovely pipes. One fashion guru opined, women simply did not like the mess of filling and cleaning pipes and carrying around the smelly paraphanalia required. I can well understand that.)

Now magazines are filled with 'the male look' for women, with lapelled jackets, neckties, and, horrors, dress shoes with laces. My guess (hope) is that it won't last. In fact, the fashion editors are quick to remind their readers that they might want to set off their manly apparel with some nice pastel chiffon scarves and of course huge earrings and bracelets.

While women can and often do dally on the edge of male attire trends, their make-up, hair styles, jewelry, and marvelous manicures still preserve

a very feminine stance, and still make a very feminine statement. On the other hand, men's fashions have hardly nudged off dead center since the Victorian age. The boldest thing some men have done in recent years is to sport pastel shirts, and little gold neck chains, and, for a short while, heels all of two inches.

For me, cross-dressing does not mean wearing 'man tailored' fashions. When I'm cross-dressed I wish to dress as a lady, act like a lady, pass as a lady, and be accepted as a lady without any fuss or fanfare.

I was watching a movie recently, set in medieval France. The men were dressed in bouffant bloomers, silk stockings, buckled slip-on shoes, and flouncy neckerchiefs. They had long flowing hair and richly plummed velvet hats. That was very nice, but they were also clanking their swords and clubs.

The ladies were wearing long plain dresses, big aprons, and their hair, except for a few wisps, was tucked up under firmly fastened bonnets. I must admit I would rather have been one of the ladies. Swords and clubs especially do nothing for me.

These musings lead me to some conclusions about myself which I suspect many readers of the 'Tapestry' will understand. I was born male. I live most of my life in a man's world, and I get by OK. But there is much about a man's world that I find distasteful, unpleasant, and because I often have to pretend otherwise, frustrating.

When I was very little I not only wanted to dress as girls dress, but I wanted to do what girls did and act the way girls acted. But, it was forbidden. I became frightened, confused, and ashamed. Then one day I boldly decided to dress and make myself up to look like a very ordinary woman and go out into the broad daylight. What a profoundly good feeling I had when I found no one staring at me agahst, no smirks, and no harrassment. I was delighted that no one took any particular notice of me at all, except the waitress who said to me and my female companion "May I help you ladies?"

I have often thought that if I had been given the option at birth I would have chosen to be born female. Then I could have gotten on with my life without conflict or confusion and they would all say I was 'normal'.

When in recent years the possibility of sex reassignment surgery became a reality, I must admit I had many a daydream about it. Since my 'coming out' I have met several dear friends, who have or are planning to go that route. Given the circumstances of my life, however, I have ruled that out for me, and so I continue to wander in an in-between world with its dangers and frustrations, and considerable consolations too.

One thing is clear for me. I am not just a man who likes to wear women's clothes. I am a man who has a very real and significant dose of femininity in my mind and heart. I did not knowingly or arbitrarily choose to have it. I found it in me when I first began to reflect on my personhood in early life. It is a good and beautiful part of me. Perhaps the best part. Therefore, when I see a lovely dress in a store window I yearn to put it on, go off to the theater, or a restaurant, or just wander through the shops and let the feminine part of me have her happy moment in the sun.

"Put on two falsies and call me in the morning."

LOCKDOWN: THE INCARCERATED PREOPERATIVE TRANSSEXUAL

by Lynn Marie Scribner, B.A.

In all of the literature written on the subject of transsexualism one topic which has not been touched is that of the problems facing the incarcerated preperative transsexual (TS). Transsexuals, like any other member of society, are not immune to criminal prosecution. Ordinarily, being in jail or prison is a rough experience for anyone, but, for the the preoperative TS, the experience and the reality of being locked up for long periods of time in an all-male institution can be a traumatic nightmare - possibly a tragic and fatal one.

The majority of preoperative TSs, prior to arrest, are usually undergoing some form of gender identity therapy in preparation for an eventual sex conversion operation. This therapy often consist of on-going psychiatric evaluation, electolysis, hormonal therapy and cross-dressing in the apparel of the gender of reassignment. If, unfortunately, the preoperative TS runs afoul of the law and is arrested then this prepatory therapy is suddenly stopped. This is especially true in the ultra-moralistic and conservative mid-Western and Southern portions of the United States.

Most psychiatrists, psychologists, endocrinologists and other members of gender identity programs feel that there are too many problems inherent in a preoperative TS trying to obtain any gender reassignment therapy while incarcerated. While this may be true for the short period of time that a TS will experience in jail it is not true for long periods of incarceration. What must be considered is the perspective from the preoperative TS's viewpoint of a long period of incarceration.

The preoperative TS cannot simply stop being a TS because the court has sentenced her to prison. Those same psycho-sexual urges and drives which compel her towards sex reassignment are still within her. If such urges and drives could be so easily controlled then either she would be "cured" of her transsexualism or she was not a true adult transsexual in the first place.

Arrest

The majority of preoperative TSs are usually arrested for violating local cross-dressing ordinances. This subject has been fairly well covered in the pamphlet 'Legal Aspects of Transsexualism' by Ms Janna M. Clark. Rather than the reasons for arrest I will concentrate on the psychological impact of arrest and imprisonment on the preoperative transsexual.

> As with any other group, most transsexuals do not run afoul of the law. Others, encountering criminal problems unrelated to their condition, find such problems compounded when their sexual status is learned. (1)

The arresting officer, upon learning of the preoperative TS's true biological sex may harrass her. This harrassment may take the form of verbal derogatory abuse or, in some cases, of actual physical abuse. This is not to say that all law enforcement officers are prone to brutality, only that such instances are common enough to be mentioned.

Jail

The next step in the criminal

justice system is incarceration in either a city or county jail or detention center. If at all possible, as with anyone else, the preoperative TS should try to immediately post bond; otherwise, due to overcrowded court dockets, she may find that she will have to remain in jail for several weeks or months prior to the final deposition of her case.

Once in jail however, there are certain steps the preoperative TS should take to guarantee, as much as possible, her safety. She should contact her attorney, if she has one, any family or friends she may have, as well as the physician(s) who are treating her transsexualism. It has been found that the degree of harrassment an inmate receives declines in direct proportion to those contacts on the outside who are interested in the inmate's welfare.

The preoperative TS's next step is to see that she is properly classified and assigned to protective custody.

> In many prisons today, prisoners live in constant fear of being assaulted, physicall or sexually, either by other prisoners or by prison guards. These assaults often occur as a result of prison officials' failure to properly classify prisoners...(2)

The preoperative TS should be placed either in a tank (dormitory) or cellblock with other gay inmates. The problem with this, particularly in prison, are the non-gay inmates who tell prison officials that they are gay so that they might be placed in protective custody where they prey off of the weaker inmantes. In this instance, the preoperative TS who may have some physical feminization from hormones or surgery should try for assignment to a single one-man cell under what is known as "administrative Segregation".

> Most jails will house you in a single (solitary) cell in the male or female section depending on whether you have any bodily changes from prior hormone therapy or surgery, and how long you have been living in the current gender role. Sometimes, however, they put you wherever they want to and you may be highly vulnerable to gang rape if housed in a male dormitory. (3)

One of the problems the preoperative TS will encounter in jail and prison is that of the inability of the prison authorities and the general inmate population in differentiating between homosexuality and transsexualism.

> The transsexual is not a homosexual, as he or she wishes to participate in a sexual relationship with a man or woman as a member of the opposite sex. (4)

Being classified as a homosexual rather than a preoperative TS by the prison officials may lead to problems later on should the preoperative TS attempt to litigate in court for any TS therapy while she is incarcerated.

The majority of general population inmates, also unable to distinguish between homosexuality and transsexualism, will make sexual advances towards the preoperative TS, particularly if she exhibits physical feminization such as feminine hips and enlarged breasts. Should the TS refuse these advances she could then be subjected to physical abuse such as beatings, rape, and even death.

> The news media, for instance, has recently carried a number of articles concerning preoperative transsexuals incarcerated at mid-transition. Each of the stories has detailed sexual abuse, beatings by both inmates and prison guards...(5)

The properative transsexual, like any other inmate in jail or prison, walks a tightrope between the administration and the other inmates. She must find a "protector" by paying protection, either with money or sexual favors or, if she goes to the prison officials, she runs the risk of being labeled a "snitch". Inmates who are considered snitches usually have a very short lifespan.

If the preoperative TS was undergoing psychiatric evaluation or hormonal therapy prior to her arrest there may be some chance that she could continue to do so while she is locked up.

> Most prisons and jails will not start or initiate counseling or hormones if you were not already on them before coming to jail. Only some jails will let you continue hormones if you were already on them, and very few jails will help with any arrangements leading toward surgery.(6)

Most jail physicians will insist that the preoperative TS be participating in a recognized gender identity program prior to their arrest before the jail physician will even consider placing the preoperative TS on hormones. Many preoperative TSs who are unable to afford the costs of an expensive psychological and endocrinological work-up will usually try to find a sympathetic doctor who will prescribe female hormones without the required preliminary lab tests or follow-up blood tests. Whatever their prior medical arrangements the preoperative TS should have her physician contact the jail memdical staff to try continuing her hormone therapy while incarcerated. If she succeeds in staying on her hormones while in jail this will help later should she have the misfortune to go to prison.

If the properative TS is only in jail for a short period of time then a temporary cessation of her hormones will not effect her overall schedule for reassignment. If, however, she finds herself in jail over a period of several months then such a long period off of her hormonal therapy will probably necessitate her starting the program over.

Lately, the courts are starting to closely scrutinize jail and prison medical programs and treatment. People entering jail, pre-trial detainees, now have Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment protection to continue prior medical treatment initiated by an outside physician. As stated in Goodman v. Wagner. (7)

> In Norris V. Frame, 585 F.2d at 1188-89, the court held that the knowing failure of prison officials to permit pretrial detainees to continue "legally and medically accepted" treatment

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> states a claim under (42 U.S.C.) Sect. 1983. the Norris court also assailed prison officials who "merely substituted (their) own medical judgment for an already prescribed course of treatment." Id. at 1188 N.16.

Court

How the preoperative TS dresses and carries herself in court is extremely important. The impression she makes on the judge and jurors will, to some extent, affect the outcome of their final decision. Though these officers of the court are supposed to base their judgment only on the facts of the case, being human they will also, consciously or subconsciously, judge the defendant on her attitude and appearance. If the preoperative TS is too masculine appearing she should wear either men's clothing or a subdued pantsuit with little or no makeup. If, on the other hand, the preoperative TS is extremely feminine looking, with physical feminization from hormones or surgery, then she should dress appropriately. Her attorney should emphasize the fact that the defendant is undergoing transsexual therapy for a sex conversion operation and, as part of her therapy, must dress in the clothing of the gender of reassignment. (8)

There are three verdicts which the court may find against the defendant: acquital, probation or convition and imprisonment. We will not concern ourselves with the acquital since that means the preoperative TS was found not guilty and will go free.

Probation

The properative transsexual can be found guilty but given a probated sentence for any number of reasons. This simply means that imprisonment has been deferred until the defendant should violate any of the rules of probation, in which case the probation would be revoked and the preoperative TS would then go to prison. the ACLU handbook, The Rights Of Gay People, (9) speaks of

> ...an appelate court in Illinoise in 1972 (which) reduced the sentence of a preoperative transsexual to probation because the defendant would have had difficulty adjusting to the masculine environment of prison and incarceration would not have encouraged rehabilitation. (A psychiatrist had testified regarding the harmful consequences of sending the prisoner to an all-male prison.) (10)

Conviction

Finally, the preoperative TS could be found guilty of her crime and sentenced to a state or federal prison depending on which court she is in. It is at this point that almost all members of gender identity programs feel that the preoperative TS should forget about receiving any TS related therapy. I disagree with this viewpoint.

Imprisonment in an all-male institution is a traumatic nightmare for the preoperative TS. Not only has her transsexual therapy been stopped but all signs of femininity that she has cultivated to boster her inner self-image have also been taken from her. She is not allowed makeup and her female clothing is taken. Without electrolysis she starts developing facial hair which daily proclaims her masculinity. Her long hair is cut and, without the feminizing effects of female hormones, her hips and breasts begin to diminish. This as traumatic to a TS as a mastectomy is to a woman.

> In many instances her suffering is so intense that suicide and self-mutilation are not uncommon. (11)

Prison

There are few alternatives for transsexuals who find themselves in prison. The right to treatment in the area of mental health has been given such constitutional underpinning that during an involuntary civil commitment the right requires adequate treatment or release. (12) Thus, the preoperative transsexual, who has been receiving medical treatment for his or her transsexualism prior to incarceration may have grounds for continued treatment. (13)

Some prisons, on a sentence of two years or less, will voluntarily allow some preoperative TSs to continue their hormones at a maintenance dosage level; however, most of the time this will only be done through a court order. On sentances of over two years the preoperative TS is usually denied all treatment.

Prisons are charged with the protection and safety of the inmates in their care. They are also charged with seeing to the inmate's physical and mental health. (14) And, though transsexualism is a mental health problem, only now is the constitutionality of a prison's denial of TS therapy and sex conversion surgery being challenged in the courts. (15)

Unfortunately, prison physicians, under the direction of conservative prison administrators, are leery of prescribing female steroid hormones for the incarcerated preoperative TS or of performing any feminizing cosmetic surgery. Prison psychologists also seem rather reluctant to classify or diagnose an inmate as a preoperative transsexual. They would rather simplify matters by classifying all gay inmates - transsexuals, transvestites, bisexuals and others - as homosexuals. These psychologists persist in trying to treat the depressed preoperative TS, if they treat her at all, with psychotropic drugs and psychoanalysis. Prison psychologists ignore one of the basic tenants of transsexualism:

> Medical science has not found any organic cause or cure (other than sex reassignment surgery and hormone therapy) for transsexualism nor has psychotherapy been successful in altering the transsexual's identification with the other sex or her desire for surgical change. "Numerous attempts at therapy, including intensive psychoanalysis, hypnosis, aversion deconditioning, chemotherapy, and behavior therapy have been generally unsuccessful..." (16)

Prison physicians and administrators have put forward various reasons for their denial of TS therapy and surgery for the incarcerated preoperative transsexual.

Two reasons cited are security and protection. Prison authorities say that they are unable to properly protect an inmate who has developed the secondary female sex characteristics associated with hormone therapy. However, this is incorrect in that the majority of detention centers and prisons have at least one section devoted solely to the protection status inmates as well as single one-man cells under what is known as "Administrative Segregation". Once the preoperative TS had completed her operation she could then safely be transferred to an all-female unit.

Prison physicians often state that the high dosages of estogen required by the preoperative TS to overcome the testicular and pituitary production of testosterone can cause cancer. Whereas an endocrinologist with the Texas Institute For Reproductive Medicine & Endocrinology, P.A., is quoted as saying,

> ...that among the two to three hundred male to female transsexual patients that I have treated over the past 10 years I have had no patient develop cancer. (17)

Various regimens of hormonal therapy may be used by the incarcerated preoperative TS as suggested here by Dr. Walter Futterweit, M.D. (18)

> (a)
>
> one such regimen is the initiation of moderately large doses of a combination estrogen-progestin oral preparation such as norethynodrel and mestranol 5 to 10 mg. and 75 to150 micrograms daily, respectively. This may be used in certain instances with concomitant intramuscular injections of estradiol valerate, 20 to 40mg. every two to four weeks, for the first three to six months of treatment.
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> (b)
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> One may however, administer estrogens alone orally as ethinyl estradiol (Estinyl), 0.15 to 0.5 mg. daily, or as conjugated estrogens, 2.5 to 5.0 mg. daily, with or without the addition of monthly injections of 20 to 40 mg. estradiol valerate intramuscularly. This treatment has the theoretic disadvantage of unopposed effects

> of estrogens on the breasts without the added beneficial effect of the progestin on a more full breast development.

The initiation of treatment by itself has an anxiety-allaying and calming effect on most patients. The gradual development of feminization includes varying degrees of breast development; reduced libido...decreased size and consistency of testes; and development of feminine contours with some suppression of facial hair regrowth following electrolysis.

Another excuse used by the prison physicians is the length of the TS's sentence in relation to the amount of time that she would be on female hormones prior to sex conversion surgery on the hormones for one to two years prior to surgery. However, this time limit is a minimum and not a maximum. If you consider the fact that the TS must remain on hormones for the rest of her life after the operation then it seems arbitrary to impose any time limit on the length of time she is on hormones prior to the operation.

> The male to female transsexual is given estrogen and must remain on this for the rest of her life. The estrogen gradually produces some feminization. The breasts enlarge. The pattern of fat deposits becomes feminine; in particular, the hips become rounded. (19)

Estrogens do not in themselves cause cancer.

Finally, the most often used excuse is that as "experimental" and "cosmetic" surgery sex conversion operations are not a "medical necessity".

> The first known sex change operation took place in Europe in the late 1920's or early 1930's, changing a male Danish painter into Lili Elbe. (20)

A surgical procedure that is being used steadily for almost 65 years can hardly be considered "experimental" any longer. The fact that the operation and treatment of transsexualism has evolved over the past six decades is not unusual in the field of medicine where science is continually bringing forth new innovations.

According to the ACLLU handbook, The Rights Of Gay People, at 123-124,

> ...an appelate court in California recently ordered that state's Department of Health to grant an application for sex reassignment surgery, stating, "It is clearly impossible to conclude that transsexual surgery is cosmetic surgery." (21) And even in New York, on court has recognized that in some instances, there might be a "medical necessity" for the operation. (22)

Transsexual therapy and surgery is acknowledged as being a rehabilitative process. It is hard to understand how any correctional system will deny any program with a proven success rate at rehabilitating an individual. Dr. John Money of the Gender Identity Clinic which used to be at the Johns Hopins, has studied twenty-four cases from his files in an effort to determine objectively the results of the operation in social terms. Dr. Money found it significant that,

> no patients acquired a police record for the first time following reassignment. The majority ...melted into law-abiding obscurity... The cost to society for policing and jailing transsexuals is not increased... it more likely decreased. (23)

The incarcerated preoperative transsexual is living a constant nightmare. Who does she reach out to for help? Her brothers and sisters in the Gay Rights movements? It seems the majority of legal assistance and gay rights organizations around the country will not only refuse to help the incarcerated preoperative TS but some will ofttimes ignore her letters. So long as she has no outside assistance she must battle the legal and penal system herself, because no one else will do it for her.

Prison administrators must soon realize that they are in the 20th Century and that they have a moral obligation to treat those under their care so that they may return to society

as capable productive human beings. Moreover, the Supreme Court has recognized a constitutionally-derived right to control one's own body. (24) So long as the preoperative TS is in prison serving time for her crimes against society then society should see that she benefits and comes out a better person.

> The frightening aspect of the way in which the transsexual has been treated is that the law and society may well react as emotionally and as irrationally to future scientific advances. Problems opened by developing modern biological and psychological knowledge will occur again in other contexts, and as on author put it, "It is for the Law to try and catch the ever fleeting shadow of the needs of society, not for society to adapt to the law." (24)

In the context, the law ought to give its support and protection to the transsexual, especially after medicine has helped in the only way that it knows - by giving a sex change operation. (25)

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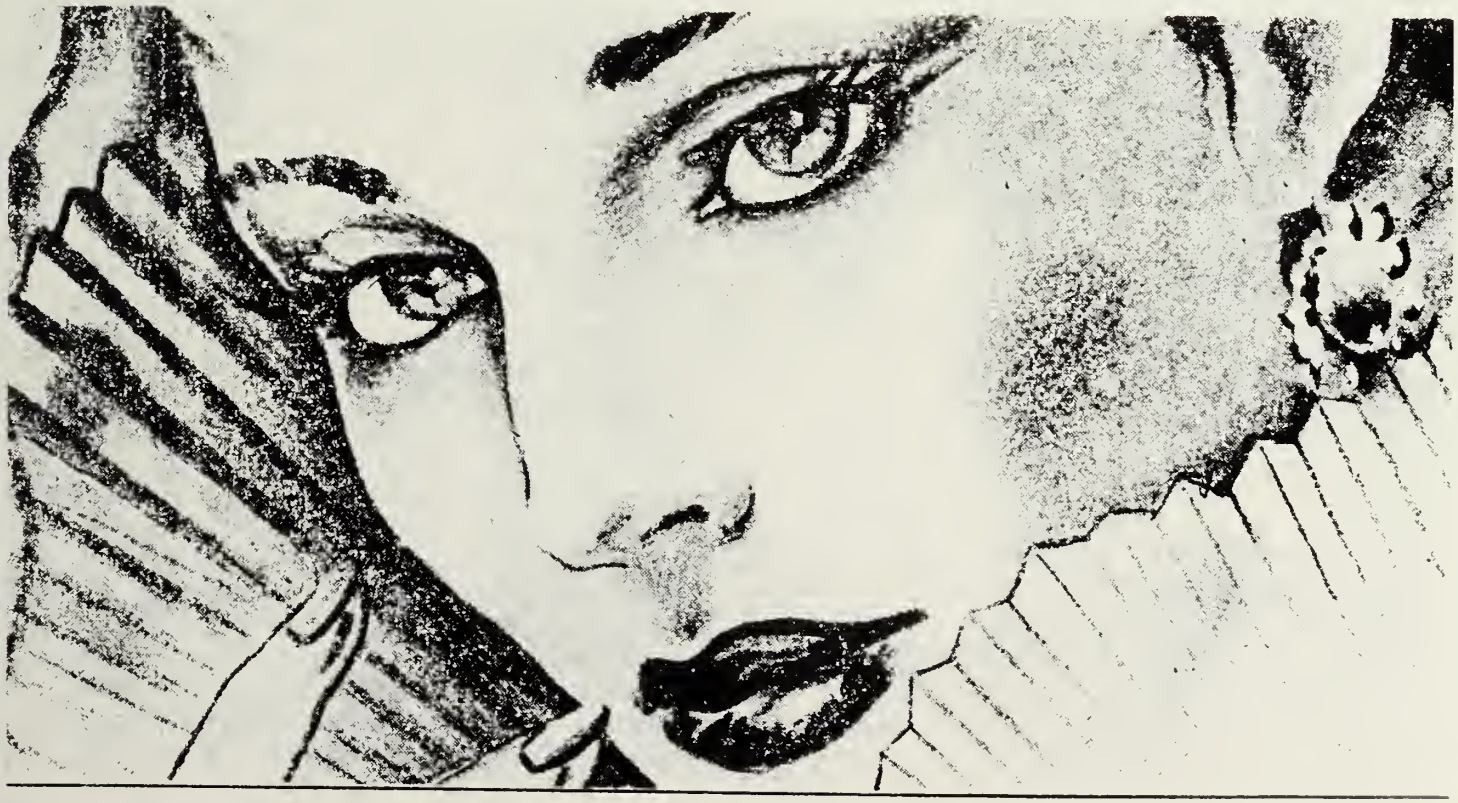

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THE OTHER SIDE
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I recently completed a study of 55 women who were in current relationships with transvestites and I want to tell you their story. My intent is to describe the woman's view of a relationship between a woman and a man who cross-dresses.

The most striking insight that came from my study was how isolated and misunderstood such women are. Any male who cross-dresses knows first-hand the anxiety and isolation that goes with this behavior, especially in the early years. There is always some concern about being discovered. Can you imagine how the woman feels? To begin with, she may have a hard time understanding why a male would want to wear women's clothing, for to her it is her normal clothing and usually has no special feeling associated with it. When you add to this confusion her concern that her partner's cross-dressing might become public knowledge, she can be in a terrified state. She may also worry about being a lesbian and about her partner being gay. Because cross-dressing (unfortunately) is not generally acceptable in this society, she may be afraid to confide in anyone because so far as she is concerned her partner's behavior reflects on her. What will people think of her if she tells them her partner likes to wear women's clothing?

Further, many counselors and therapists do not understand cross-gender behaviors and so may be of little help to her or may switch their attention to her partner because he is 'more interesting'. In addition, there is little information available to her to help her understand his behavior or her own feelings. If she reads typical transvestite literature, she may think that the fantasies in them are real and that her partner wants to become a full-time woman and leave her. Thus the social stigma attached to cross-dressing coupled with a lack of information serves to isolate her.

These women and their partners

were (from outside appearances) typical middle class couples. Only about half of the women and about half of the men had ever been in counseling for any reason. The women in my study were probably not typical of many women who have a cross-dressing partner because most of them had some connection with an organization that supported cross-dressing males. The women said that their partner's cross-dressing needs often put strains on the relationship but they stayed because they loved him and/or because their relationship had other aspects that were good -- balancing out the negative aspects of the cross-dressing. There appeared to be an undertone in some responses which indicated that it would be difficult for the woman to leave the relationship because she was economically and/or socially trapped.

Another finding that was significant (keeping in mind that the women in my study had chosen to stay in the relationship) was that the earlier in therelationship the male told her about his cross-dressing, the more probable it was that she would be accepting (to some degree) of his behavior. Just when she was told (or should be told) was not clear. The women who were told about the cross-dressing in the first year and definitely before marriage or living together were the most accepting or tolerant. Also, the more sensitive her partner was to her needs and concerns, the more likely it was that she would elect to stay in the relationship -- if she had a choice. Her acceptance or tolerance of the cross-dressing should not be confused with enjoyment or encouragement. What it probably meant was that she had come to terms with the cross-dressing, learning that it was an immutable part of her partner's personality. Her decision to stay may also imply that she had developed some skills with which to cope (ignore) the problems associated with the cross-dressing. High on the list of support for partners of cross-dressers were the other women she met through the wives groups that were associated with cross-dressing organizations. Unfortunately most of the women in my study did not find out about these other women until some time after the initial disclosure which meant they were isolated for some period of time -- perhaps years!

Now I have heard some cross-dressers say that what their partner thinks or feels is immaterial so long as she totally accepts his cross-dressing needs or gets out of the way so that he can be free to express himself. My belief is that all relationships have to be built on a mutual give-and-take arrangement if they are to survive in a meaningful way. What many of the women in my study said was that they were as supportive of their partner's needs as they knew how to be but he often did not consider her needs or feelings. The study results highlight areas of the woman's concerns that can be talked over between the two people in order to find a mutually acceptable solution for their relationship. So it seems quite possible that cross-dressers can 'have their cake and eat it too' because with a little perception and some concessions they can continue to be in relationship with a supportive woman and still enjoy the pleasures of cross-dressing.

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WIVES TALKING TO WIVES

WIFE ON A ROLLER-COASTER RIDE
by I.M. Hopeful (NH)

Being a novice to the whole scene of crossdressing, the decision to go to Tiffany's Wives Support Group Outing in Provincetown on Cape Cod was a very difficult one. Questions kept popping into my head and emotions that I thought I had overcome when I was a teenager emerged again. Will someone think I'm strange? What's the proper conduct or procedure? Will I say or do the wrong thing? Will someone I know recognize me? What would happen then - would my community know and my child suffer as a consequence? Walking down the street with my husband dressed in female attire, will people start 'reading' me? In a restaurant, will I inadvertently call him "hon" or "sweetheart" and bystanders think he's 'real' and I'm gay? Questions! Questions! Turmoil! Turmoil! As soon as I had one question figured out, ten more would crop up. My head was in a whirl.

Tiffany's Wives Support Group was fairly new and many of the wives had not appeared in public with their husbands dressed. Experienced feedback was not too prevalent. I could have solved the problem very easily by not going to P-town. Understanding, sharing, commitment to a marriage all pointed to the fact that I should go. The Wives Support Group was very concerned that no wife should feel threatened or coerced into going anyplace or doing anything she felt uncomfortable with - an attitude thankfully shared by my husband. The support the group gave and received from each other was heartwarming.

My husband and I drove to Provincetown with the understanding that he would not 'dress' unless I felt comfortable and since I had never seen him 'dressed', I really didn't know what to expect. My feelings ran the gambit from tears of frustration and confusion to "Oh, what the heck."

We drove to the Cape as a 'straight' couple. It was strange, though, packing the car. Considering we were just going for the weekend, I didn't think too much about luggage. I had one suitcase and all of a sudden, he came down with three! From someone who, as a male, normally travels with his clothes packed in an attache case, I was astounded. He must have planned to spend the weekend changing clothes every half hour. (I found out later that this was standard practice with many crossdressers.)

After checking in to our hotel, most of our group congregated in the lounge. The Conversation sounded nervous and excited. Topics ranged from the usual, i.e. travel, family, weather, to what color eyeliner would complement an outfit. I felt like I was a cat on a hot tin roof. I still hadn't decided whether or not I would feel comfortable with him 'dressed'. After a great deal of soul searching and support from the group, I left 'Jack' in our room to make the transition from guy to gal, and went downstairs for some emotional and liquid support. About three-quarters of an hour later, nervously I went back

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upstairs to see the results. Giddy with relief, I sat on the bed and laughed. 'Jackie' looked hurt, but I quickly explained that visually, the moth had turned into a butterfly. It wasn't as upsetting as I had anticipated. What an emotional rollercoaster ride this weekend was turning out to be.

Dinner was superb and the entertainment amusing. Many of the wives commented, "I can't believe I'm here in a public dining room with my husband 'dressed'", or, "I don't believe I'm actually doing this." We still had not ventured beyond the safety and security of the hotel. Some of the wives, at that point, decided the next day that they would go to breakfast with their husbands dressed straight. The wives would then go shopping as a group in the afternoon while ourrespective spouses could 'dress' and tour the town by themselves.

The wives had several meetings where the husbands were not invited and we let down our hair. It was an emotional experience to know that I was not the only one in the world with this situation to deal with. We all had different points of view and therefore various opinions and perspectives and all our viewpoints were treated with respect. We realized we were not 'helping professionals', but we were a peer support group with caring and sincere people. Crisis intervention was not what we were there for, but the sharing of feelings and experiences were. We came to the realization that all the problems of a marriage couldn't and shouldn't be hung on the available 'crossdressing' hook. Our spouses' crossdressing provided a common thread which bound us together. Different areas of the country, different jobs, different income levels, different ages - it didn't seem to matter. We still had a unique thread joining our lives.

Questions! Questions! Questions! I came back from P-town with just as many questions, if not more, than when I went, i.e., stereotypes of male-female relationships; questions about femininity; typical 'straight' marriages; children and what, if anything should be told to them; sexual aspects of crossdressing spouses, societal and emotional expectations, etc., etc. The Wives Support Group was definitely helpful in enabling me to try to understand and accept. It wasn't easy. Crossdressing was a very complex issue with as many variations as there were couples.

Since the Outing the emotional rollercoaster ride is still ongoing, but the peaks and valleys aren't as great and the fear is subsiding. Insight and understanding is a maturation process and that takes time.

There isn't enough space in this publication to express my gratitude to the people involved and the opportunity for sharing. What could have been a devastating crisis in my life has turned into a definitely unusual relationship and the opportunity to meet delightfully nice people. I don't mean to imply that all our problems are solved, but thanks to the Wives Support Group and the Tiffany Club as a whole, I'm less afraid now. All I can say is "THANK YOU" from the bottom of my heart.

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WIVES TALKING TO WIVES

(** Editor's Note: During this past year Siobhan and Ann Donovan have become deeply involved in both the 'Tapestry' and the Tiffany Club. Siobhan has become the Marketing Director for the 'Tapestry', and is a member of the Tiffany Club Board of Directors. Ann has become a mainstay for Tiffany's Wives Support Group. Both Siobhan and Ann are caring people, and seemed to be motivated by a concern for the happiness and well-being of others. They have become important people to the Tapestry, to the Tiffany Club, and especially to the Wives Support Group.)

"I MARRIED A TV"
or
"You can't turn this TV off"
by Mrs. Ann Donovan

In September 1981 I embarked on a new career, full of enthusiasm for what seemed to offer me all (or close to all) of what I was looking for. I had the responsibilities of the office books, much phone work with customers as well as personal contact. Having been one who thoroughly enjoyed people, personal contact made my work even more enjoyable.

On the second day of my new job I met one of those truly unique personalities who made the world such an interesting place. He was not 'my type', but none-the-less seemed to be a nice (I hate the word n-i-c-e) person. His hair was too long, his clothes screamed of the sixties (black pointy shoes, skinny ties, flood pants, slick hair, etc.). I, even in the sixties, was into the 'preppie' look (cute little peter pan collar shirts, crew neck sweaters, tasteful plaid skirts, penny loafers and matching knee sox for every outfit - clothes that were classics, the kind that NEVER go out of style). John was introduced to me, and as I was walking away to check something for another customer he remarked, "Gee, you have a nice set of buns." Trying to ignore that crass yet slightly amusing comment I turned red and quickly left the office shaking my head and mumbling something (I can't remember what). He was definately not 'my type'!

For the next six weeks John seemed to need to purchase something from our company almost every day. Every day he came in he would ask me the same question, "Can I have your phone number?"

I offered every excuse in the book... "I don't have a phone." "My phone was shut off." "My parents don't allow me to give out our phone number." Etc. This guy wasn't easy to give the brush to. When he then asked if he could at least have my address, I told him, "I don't have one. I live in my car and roam all over. It's the gypsy in me."

One day when John came into the shop, we happened to hit on a subject we both had strong beliefs in. It happened to be religion. Both being the products of strict Irish Catholic families, I found out we had similar thoughts on the subject. I guess that was our original common bond. (I might add that despite the 'hang-ups' most of us reared in the Roman Catholic Church during the 50's and 60's seem to wind up with, I am as 'normal' a person as I know, religiously active, and socially accepted although I have had to fight my severe shyness all my life - even now.)

At the age of 30, having done the route of singles bars, meeting losers, alcoholics, drug addicts, rejects and an occasional 'semi-normal' male (who usually turned out to be married and 'misunderstood') I was actually happy to be single. Feeling this way I could have cared less about 'getting it on' with anyone at this point in my life. Still, an occasional date was not out of the question. That being the case, I finally gave in when this 'common bond' John and I shared came to light. After all, what could happen? He was Catholic, a former altar boy, civically active at a very early age and an all-around pillar of the community. "OK, you can have my phone number. It's --- :----."

That night he called and we talked for almost three hours - much of the

time while he fed the pay phone he was calling from. (He had just moved into a new apartment and had no phone.) We were to go out Friday evening to a popular 'nite spot'.

Friday came, and at lunch time John came to see me. He said he had something he wanted to tell me before we went out. "OK, shoot!" I said.

"I used to do Female Impersonator Shows."

"Oh, Really?", I said. At that point my insides from the top of my head to the tip of my toes started exchanging places with each other. With a very casual expression my face, my entire bodily functions went on tilt and jammed unmercifully. Thinking I was a complete liberal, positively open-minded and the epitome of the 'total woman', I kept him from knowing how upset I really was.

Why, you might ask, would anyone in their right mind, knowing this, still agree to go out with a former 'F.I.' (an abbreviation I came to know as meaning 'Female Impersonator')? I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW! I guess it was a combination of ignorance, my wanting to be totally without predjudice towards anyone and the fact that despite my ignorance of the future and his 'situation', I figured in my own naive way that a former altar boy must be 'safe'. What did I have to lose? I needed a night out anyway.

Well, our first date lasted 28 hours and was spent almost excusively talking. This strange person who had entered my life was different from any other man I had dated. Believe me, all that had been drummed into him in his altar boy days had vanished. He was out for what he could get, BUT would only take what was given freely. (With my background you can draw your own conclusions as to how much that was.)

During the next several weeks John and I saw quite a bit of each other. I came to see a gentleness about him - yet he could be very aggressive. At the same time, there was something, I could not put my finger on it, but there was this indescribable feeling that sank deep inside me and wasn't about to leave. Was it possible that after all these years I'd fallen in love? YES!

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A month after we had met, John asked me to marry him. "I said 'Yes!" Ten months later the Church granted him an annulment from his previous marriage, and eight months after that we were married.

During those 18 months we went through all the problems any couple getting married would go through - and more. (Any of you who know about Church Annulments can testify to that.) Because of the Church Annulment, John was required to go for counselling before he would be allowed to be married again in the Church. I, as a potentially good mate, felt I should go too. Thanks to a wonderful counselor, 'Dr. X', we got through a lot of bad times, not only concerning the annulment, but with John's 'problem'.

After the marriage, we went on our honeymoon in a quaint New England town with all the romance and atmosphere anyone could ask for. (we were both hopeless romantics). We had been given the use of a lovely chalet, and were off to a great start for our new life together.

John had been honest, as honest as he could be, about being a transvestite (TV), but left a lot out. The second night of the honeymoon, when John came out of the bedroom wearing a nightgown, I guess I was as shocked as if I knew nothing about his whole TV thing. He said he thought I'd get a kick out of it. HA HA HA!!! I had been supportive about his cross-dressing by giving little gifts at birthdays and Christmas like eye shadows, blushes and foundation, but I really didn't think I would be subjected to actually seeing him this way. At that point I questioned myself as to whether or not I should have married this 'MAN'. Now I wasn't sure he was a man. Was he gay? Was he one of those 'weirdos' who wanted to have a sex change operation? What was I going to do? I did what I always did when I was confused - I made jokes, kept it light, and hoped it would all go away.

This time, however, it didn't go away! The traces of his 'problem' kept getting worse and more frequent. I felt I had been lied to and made a fool of. How would I cope with this? I must be the only one in the world with a husband like THIS! I knew I wasn't, but I figured there were only a couple in the world and I'd never meet them. I did a lot of talking to myself during those days of being 'alone' and shook my head 'til my brains rattled in disbelief.

I found it very difficult to cope - until I started to look at the positive aspects of his being a transvestite. There WERE some positive aspects. There was a gentleness about him. There was also a sensitivity about him that made him sometimes instinctively know how I might feel about something that was bothering me. He liked to cook, an asset to me because we both worked 40+ hours a week. Although neither of us were the neatest of individuals, he didn't seem to mind helping with the 'wifely' chores. Could I accept the 'TV' thing with all these positive qualities? NO! I hated the nightgowns, the panities, and all those under garments that only a 'real' woman should wear. I was invaded. My life as a woman had been infiltrated by this man who should be wearing cotton jockey shorts and cotton T-shirts. How could he do this to me? He was supposed to love me. What a joke!

Ignorance! All these feelings that I had experienced were bacause of my ignorance to the life of a transvestite. John's 'problem' was now mine too. Our counselor, 'Dr. X', did not have all the answers. He had very few as a matter of fact. His help was in allowing us to realize the potential of our love for each other , and with a lot of work we could make this 'problem' easier to bear. Dr. X's open-ness to TVs and the whole culture was his greatest quality. He knew the usual stats and predetermined connotations placed on TVs, but was open to all he could learn with me. Many times our sessions were hard, but definately worth every agonizing hour spent.

Sixteen months after John and I were married, he came home with this transvestite/transsexual magazine. "Oh, God, another one of those dirty magazines," I thought to myself. (Up to that point the only information I was able to lay my hands on was in THE most digusting, raunchy and totally irreputable magazines I had ever laid eyes on.) I looked at the cover of this 'trashy' magazine. "Hmm," I thought, "nothing about sexual perver-

sions and how to do whatever turns you on. Well maybe I'd open it up." Then I saw the price - $10.00! That particular week had been a very 'short' week financially, and the next was not going to be much better. Because of our financial situation I had just passed up purchasing a record album I had wanted for months, yet John had just spent $10.00 for some stupid magazine that was filled with crap - or so I thought. Now I was madder than ever. What an inconsiderate, selfish, and irresponsible thing to do - wasting $10.00 on some magazine called 'TAPESTRY'! After a relatively short period of time for the anger I was feeling, I decided to see what was inside the 'Tapestry'.

Well, there were a lot of pictures of TVs in the personal listings. I honestly spent most of my time looking at these pictures and reading their synopsis of themselves. Again, no sexual tones to their messages. There were many, many listings that began with MWM or MBM ('married white male' or 'married black male'). I kept looking... Another married male, another one, the list was endless. Could this be possible? Could there be so many other wives going through what I was going through? I just didn't have the answer. Reading on I found some interesting articles, more for the TV or TS (transsexual) than myself, but there were some that gave me a better understanding of John. Then like a little neon sign was this little, tiny, minute article (comparatively speaking) referring to a "WIVES SUPPORT GROUP" that met once a month to exchange feelings, offer support to the wife of a TV and try to help couples with a TV husband. I never mentioned this to John. I knew he would find it himself. He did, then asked me if I was interested - and the rest is history.

I want to share that history with you.

John called the Tiffany Club, the publisher of the Tapestry, and talked with a reputable and informative member. After this initial 'interview' on the phone, John was told of an upcoming 'Wives Support Group' meeting, and was invited to attend. They set up another 'interview' to meet with a member of Tiffany Club's Screening Committee. At that meeting a very pleasant man who called himself 'Sherry' talked with us, and helped us feel comfortable. He then asked us to follow him, down this long dark road to the Tiffany Club.

If this sounds all-too mysterious for you, you're not alone. most everyone who has gone through this 'screening' process, with few exceptions, has felt the same way. John and I had good feelings when we were interviewed both on the phone and in person, but once we started on the relatively short journey down that long dark road to Tiffany I had second (and third) thoughts about what we were doing. I had visions of being thrown in a room with a bunch of perverts and expected to perform all kinds of sick things before they'd let us out. Those visions couldn't have been any further from the truth!

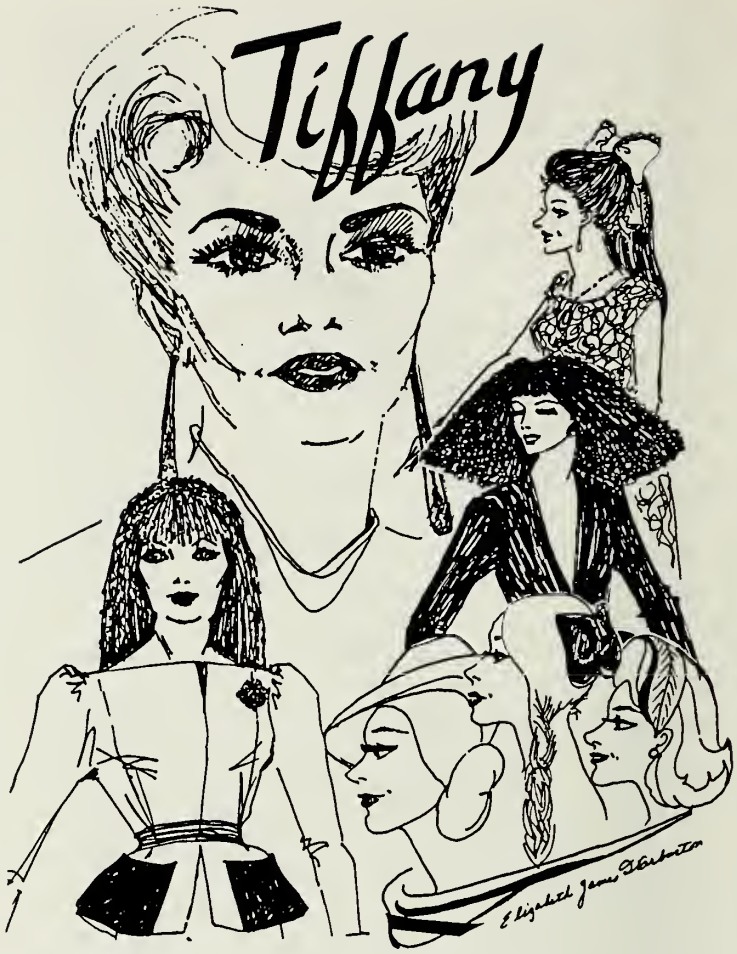
What we found was a group of nine other couples who were working very hard to make the best of a situation that, in most cases, neither one of them wanted. We found positive tones in the voices of the other couples, along with a sense of hope for the future. They were not a professional group who could give you all the answers. They were just people who had no alternative, until one very bright cross-dresser had the perception that something was needed for couples. He along with his wife and another couple became the original members of Tiffany's Wives Support Group. This vital group was the life line I was waiting for.

Before becoming involved with the Support Group I frankly was not too hopeful of my own marriage. Since becoming involved, I never knew I could feel so comfortable with the whole TV world. DO NOT misconstrew what I'm saying here. I still don't like John being a cross-dresser (a new and more positive sounding word I learned since the Wives Support Group), but I can deal with it a whole lot better, and I've learned to laugh about it more than I ever thought I could.

Without wanting to sound like a preacher, but, by the same token, being totally honest, please do yourself a favor and make a call to Tiffany and ask about the Wives Support Group. The Group is not a cure for cross-dressing, but they have a great deal to offer couples, and can make it a little

easier to accept the inevitable. The cross-dressing will not go away! Also, some of the feelings you have (m-barrassment, shame, guilt, fear, anger, etc.) can be eased a whole bunch if you can allow yourself to seek the com-radery of other wives in the same position you are in. Believe me, misery loves company, and my misery has actually turned into some of the best times and friendships I'd ever expect to find in my lifetime.

("This has been a very difficult and at times painful article for Ann to write. She has had to say things that have hurt her, and hurt me as well, but these things had to be said. I feel it took a great deal of courage to expose her feelings in print. My respect for my wife grows every day, and there is no way I can measure the love we have for each other." - Siobhan Donovan)



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MASCULINE LIFE STYLES AND COMPENSATORY PATTERNS

by Virginia Prince, PhD

In fetal life nothing has to occur to an egg after fertilization (if it is fertilized by an "X" sperm making an "XX" ovum) to result in a female except the normal developmental processes. For an egg fertilized by a "Y" sperm, on the other hand, something extra has to occur, namely androgenization, for the resulting embryo to emerge as a male. In short the female baby just IS, the male has had to BECOME.

In the animal world the function of the female is to become pregnant, give birth, nurse and nurture her infant to a condition of self sufficiency after which she repeats the process. The job of the male animal is to provide the sperm necessary to initate this process. In some species that is all he does. The male bear, for example, copulates and goes away and never sees mother or child again except by accident. In a few species mostly birds and fishes the male may participate in guarding the eggs before hatching and in caring for the young after hatching. Primate species vary from paternal neglect to paternal participation in child rearing. In the human species, since early times, males have cared for mother and child through hunting, providing food and protecting against enemies, animal and human. When our ancestors lived in the trees, as monkeys do today, it was a matter of everyone for themselves. Males copulated and that was it. Females did all the rest. As they moved out on the savannah and food, while adequately present, had to be looked for either by the females gathering seeds, roots, berries, nuts, etc. or by the males hunting for meat. Thus this division of labor led to differing life styles for males and females which was the beginning of gender differentiation. And the males had to learn to be men, that is, they had to learn to BECOME men. Females just kept on doing what all females had always done. But this process of BECOMING has continued and still continues in the present day and has only become more complicated as society itself has developed and become more complex and the masculine gender role has been elaborated beyond mere hunting.

But back to the human world -- as a growing child the female learns the feminine gender role, how to dress, act, what to be interested in and what is inappropriate for girls. She learns the womanly role from her mother as regards housekeeping, home making, etc. Whether she wishes to follow these roles as an adult is another matter but she does learn about them as a child from mothers, aunts, teachers, and other girls. If she stays a little too far, in what her society considers a masculine direction, she may seem a little unusual and may be called a "tomboy" but it is more of a compliment than an accusation as she is considered more than usually capable in areas wherein boys usually excel.

At puberty, when the menses begin and the breasts develop, she has it borne in upon her that she is unmistakably a female. She does not have to do anything to develop this condition and there is nothing she can do to prevent it. She just IS--both a female and a woman. What kind of a woman she wishes to be is up to her, she can have a career or she can be a homemaker, she can remain a virgin, get married, be sexual and a mother, she can be moderately promiscuous or become a prostitute. These choices are hers but in all of them she remains a woman and a female.

After birth the process of BECOMING continues for boys. He begins

to learn what it means to be a boy. He learns from father, brothers, playmates, teachers and others that there are certain interests, behaviors, activities, games, etc, that are off limits to him because they are (in his culture though not necessarily in others), areas associated with girls. Thus whatever interests he may have in these areas mujst be repressed. If he is careless enough or ignorant of their feminine association and thus manifests them in some way, he is brought up short by his peers, relatives, teachers, scout masters, coaches, and others who inform him of his mistakes. If he persists he is called a "sissy" by his peers and this term IS a serious put down and he learns to avoid situations or activities that will earn him that name. Thus continues the process of BECOMING in a social context.

As he approaches adulthood he comes to understand from many different sources that his culture expects a lot of him. To list only a few, he must be strong and physically able to defend himself, he must be capable of dealing with problems of various kinds, he must be able to bear grief, hurt, pain, embarassment, fear, etc. without showing it through tears, defenselessness and other ways. On a sexual level he has already as a child learned that his penis sometimes gets hard and that sexual relief is pleasurable and worth repeating and in adolescence he discovers girls again as sex objects and he absorbs from other boys that a "real man" is not only capable of intercourse with females but that he should seek it out as frequently as possible and not be put off in his desires by a woman's reluctance or resistance. Really capable men are always in "heat" as it were and they brag to each other about how they "made it with Mary". The collection of female pubic scalps is a sign of his ability and a source of self esteem and masculine pride. This is underlying social pattern and the fact that some males may be socialized in more considerate behavior does not alter the basic pattern.

So men learn what society expects of them--and what they therefore come to expect of themselves. there develops a sort of super John Wayne idea of a "REAL MAN" which all men, consciously or unconsciously, strive toward. Hardly any of them ever make it in their own estimation. Thus there is always a degree of anxiety in the masculine gender role about being not quite everything he should be and this leads to a variety of behaviors whose purpose is to lessen or remove that anxiety and sense of inadequacy, inferiority and ineffectiveness. Self accusation develops because of this awareness of having failed to BECOME all that his goal calls for. Thus something has to be done to compensate for, excuse or escape from this sense. Many behavior patterns observed among men can, I believe, be seen as reactions of one of six different kinds to solve this psychological problem. It should be stated at this point that all non-normative behaviors are solutions to problems within the individual. They do not arise from nothing. Thus the observers problem is to try and discover what the internal problem is to which the observed behavior is a solution of sorts for the individual. It is the hypothesis of this paper that all of the behaviors mentioned below are, in their own way, solutions to the problem of the sense of masculine inadequacy, incompleteness and inability to live up to a perceived standard to the degree the individual feels he should.

Can you imagine a man who is completely satisfied with himself and his performance both sexually, maritally, socially, psychologically, economically, and in all other ways such that his BECOMING has brought him to the goal of BEING? I would hazard the guess that the number of men really occupying this position, (as distinct from those who say they do), is vanishingly small. So I proceed on the hypothesis that ALL men have this problem on various levels and to varying degrees and that there are a variety of ways of dealing with it. I wish to elaborate on some of them. But it should be said that these "solutions" are only apparent solutions, since they do not in reality change the basic facts. There are six categories of pseudo "solutions".

1.) The Over Compensation Group: These people "protest too much", as Shakespeare said, and don't seem to realize that in doing so, they advertise and announce to the world the very

sense of inadequacy that they are trying to cover up by the intensity and obviousness of their compensatory activities.

1-A.) The Physical Type: These are generally younger men who strive to excel in some physical activity such as boxing, tennis, golf, mountain climbing, motorcycle or car racing. The idea being that they are showing their strength, dexterity, fearlessness, and daring. By such feats they think they are "proving" their masculinity no matter how much it may be lacking on other levels.

1-B.) The Psychological Type: This type of man wants to show his superiority, (in the hope it will prove at least his adequacy), by his leadership role, so he becomes the top sargeant, the successful business executive, the coach, the foreman, etc. Any situation in which he can give orders and control other people thereby making himself important, Mr. Big, i.e. more of a man.

1-C.) The Achievement type: The achievement may be that of the president of the corporation or University, Mayor, Governor, Senator or President where the office itself says, "If I wasn't a real man people wouldn't have elected me!" Or it may be economic achievement of wealth and influence. The hoped for implication being, "I had to have been quite a man to be this rich and powerful!"

1-D.) The Macho Type: Talks big, acts big, and pushes lesser people around. In business he is the wheeler-dealer always trying to outsmart people and put toghether tricky "deals"; trying always to "stick in his thumb and pull out a plumb and say, 'what a big man am I!'"

2.) The "Silent Majority" or Muddling Through Group. This group is the largest simply because they do not have the ingenuity, courage or drive to devise any sort of solution like the other types. They just grin and bear it and struggle through life the best they can. There is a lot of suppressed unhappiness, anxiety, frustration and despair in this group which frequently leads to Group 3-A below. Moreover, the price paid for not devising some sort of "solution" or safety valve for these pent up feelings is ulcers, high blood pressure, heart attacks and other psycho-somatic conditions. So this "2" group is in many ways the worst off of all though they may seem to be the most normative. Normality here is just what most people are like and, since this is the largest group it provides the basis for "normalcy".

3.) The Avoidance Syndrome: This group chooses to attempt a solution by denial or avoiding the problem by various techniques of "getting away from it all".

3-A.) The "Undertaker" type: These people try to bury their inadequacies and despair of ever "making it" in smoking a lot, getting drunk a lot, in indulging in other drugs, in joining fundementalist types of religious groups, trying every new psychological fat that comes along, in gambling, or intense effort and concentration on something so that they can forget their problems. They try desparately to be "with it" and to "belong".

3-B.) The Temporary Vacation Takers: The transvestites who for an hour, a day, a weekend or longer literally leave the world of men and its and their problems. He can forget his own perceived shortcomings and tensions by leaving the masculine gender of "Man" entirely and adopting feminine clothing, appearance--through makeup, jewelry and hairdo-- and a feminine set of behaviors, feelings and expectations. This is, of necessity, an incomplete femininity and style because he does not become involved with the problems and tension areas that real women have to deal with. But he does get out from under his own. This interim, like any vacation, gives him the strength to go back to his ordinary life and carry on for a period of time until the strain gets too much for him and he needs another "vacation".

3-C.) The Reversible Permanent Vacation Type: These are the transgenderists who make a full time change of gender thereby going on a permanent vacation from the cares and problems of masculinity by dressing and living as a woman, adopting the feminine life style and participating in the world from a woman's point of view. They will have electrolysis to remove their beards and may take female hormones to develop breasts but they do not undergo sex reassignment surgery so that they re-

main males and heterosexual (unless they were homosexual to begin with) and, should they change their minds, or be forced by circumstances they can revert to the masculine role.

3-D.) The Irreversible Permanent Vacation Type: These are the males who do undergo sex reassignment surgery. They have not only abandoned masculinity and its gender problems but maleness and its sexual problems too and have exchanged them permanently for the cares and concerns of females and women. This is the ultimate excape.

4.) The Admission and Punishment or Reverse Compensation Group: This group might be termed the psychic masochism group since the hurt experiences is psycho-social rather than physical. Unlike those in Group 1 who attempt to deny inadequacy by over compensation or being the hyper macho type: Group 2 who grin and suffer, or Group 3 who try to escape from the problem, this group attempts the reverse or "mea culpa" approach. While they may not admit their sense of inadequacy or inferiority upon inquiry, their actions indicate their recognition of it (admission) and their need for some sort of punishment as compensation for their short comings. There are many degrees of this degradation (punishment) each more than the one before. They are given in the order of lesser to greater.

4-A.) The Domination Type: In our society men are supposed to be stronger and more capable than women. Thus it is a downgrading of the first degree to submit to the orders and directions of a woman and to therby be her "slave", and this type seeks a dominant female to submit to.

4-B.) The Humiliation and Punishment Type: The second degree of submission to a woman is to be humiliated by her and sometimes to be punished in varous ways by her. In both 4-A and 4-B the individual has abandoned his right ot the socially acknowledged superior masculine role and to independent, self responsible action.

4-C.) The Forced Cross Dressing type: These individuals are "made" to dress as women by a woman. The individual might wish to belong to the 3-B transvestite group but does not have the ego strength to cross dress under his own initiative and responsibility. This is the 3rd degree and involves the abandonment of masculinity under the command of a woman.

4-D.) Maids Costume and a Servant's Role Pattern: This is the 4th degree because he is not only controlled by a woman, humiliated by a woman, forced to dress as a woman, but now forced to adopt the status of the most lowly of women, a maid or servant and required to perform various menial and disgusting tasks.

4-E1.) Childhood Type: The individual is forced to dress as a little girl. Here the abasement is of the 5th degree because in addition to abandoning control, mascuylinity and staus the individual is forced to abandon adulthood by adopting the clothing and role of a child. And, of course, the controlling force is "Mommy", a woman.

4-E2.) Infantilism Type: In this pattern the individual is forced to dress as a baby, wearing diapers which he is encouraged to soil, nursing from a bottle, kept in a play pen on hands and knees and expected to coo and gurgle like a baby. This is the 6th degree behavior because in addition to the other abandonments he is now even abandoning sex in effect since babies are visually sexless, that is both male and female babies in diapers and with a pacifier in their mouth look about the same. So even maleness has now been abandoned.

4-F.) Spanking: This behavior may be done at the level of 3-B (transvestites) without forced dressing or it may be added to 4-C (forced dressing) or 4-D (maids uniform). Capable adults, especially males, do not get spanked but children and subserviant lesser people do, particularly if they are "bad". Badness in this case being the failure to live up to society's (and the individual's own) criteria of adequacy. The spanker is genrally preferred to be a female because this is more humiliating, which relates this pattern to 4-A (domination) and 4-B (humiliation). Spanking is a further abandoment of adulthood. When combined with other behaviors it is a 6th degree of degradation.

5.) Physical Punishment Group:

5-A.) Masochistic Behavior: This is a general category which may be combined with any other "Group 4" type behavior or can exist separately. In

any case it is an abandonment of individual responsibility and gives over control to someone else thus proving the individual's inadequacy and ability to function as a capable man and he must be punished for it. There are many possible activities but of course they usually involve another person as the active punisher. He would be the Sadist who enjoys inflicting the punishment. He probably should be classed in Group 1-D himself since he is the controller of the situation.

5-B.) Bondage: This is a special category since it can exist even by itself as well as in combination with other patterns. It is the ultimate punishment as it involves complete surrender of individuality and ability to manage one's own life, at least at the time, since while bound one is helpless. There are all imaginable forms, degrees and kinds of bondage but they all serve the same end. There are women who go in for bondage too, but in their case it seems more a living out of the fantasy of female helplessness and passivity at the hands of a male and not to arise from the same cause or serve the same purpose as with males.

6.) Revenge Type: This is a special type called to my attention by Niel Masters. It is of those males who, not being comfortable with their own "beingness" are envious and jealous of them leading to an attempt at "getting even" or punishing women for their apparent success.

6-A.) The Indirect Type: These males attempt to humiliate and downgrade women in whatever ways present themselves. This can be in the form of humiliating remarks, sexual slurs and various kinds of put-downs. It may very well be responsible for a lot of the resistance to granting women equal opportunitites for employment, pay, and advancement. Most men are ill prepared to see women as equals in ability or rank, let alone having one as a superior. Thus resentment against women and their simple BEINGNESS may be one of the root causes of our sexist social order.

6-B.) Pornography producers and consumers: Pornography debases women (in bookis, magazines and films) and thus provides a subtle raising of the masculine position relative to them and helps the male to see himself as not as much of a failure in the "Beingness" business as he might otherwise feel himself to be.

6-C.) The Physical Types: These would be men who actually make physical attacks against women. Not simple crimes like purse snatching, but physically beating, slapping, kicking, and sometimes stabbing. The ultimate form of physical revenge is, of course, rape. This act is generally conceeded to be not so much a sexual assault but a form of physical violence-- and of psychic violence too since it destroys the woman's self-esteem and sense of physical integrity. If rape is a non-sexually motivated act then why such an attack on females much fore frequently than on other helpless people? Explanation for the act does seem to fall comfortably within the parameters set up here as another way of dealing with the male's sense of being inadequate by attacking those who appear to actually be adequate, namely the females.

These classifications are not isolated and separate but may and are combined in various ways. Thus a dominant female may force a male into a maid's or child's costume (4-D or 4-E) and then because of some ostensible misbehavior the "child" or "maid" must be punished (4-B), or spanked (4-F), or, in more extreme cases, is forced into bondage (5-B).

Thus the common thread stringing all these "beads" together is that they are all, in their way, "solutions" or resolutions of the underlying awareness of the individual that he has not BECOME sufficiently to have achieved the goal of BEING. In one way or another and to one degree or another he has felt himself to be inadequate, inferior or incomplete and the anxiety this generates has led him to one or another (or several) of the above "solutions". I repeat, women just ARE, men are always BECOMING and never achieve BEINGNESS.

There will, of course, be many, mostly men, who will disagree with my assertion that all men have to contend with the possibility that they do not measure upt to expectations or to my assertion that women just ARE. It all goes back to anatomy and physiology. No woman ever has to doubt that she is

a female. Barring some pathological condition her vagina always "works" - that is, it does what it is supposed to do - receive a penis. On the other hand a man can never be sure that his penis will do what IT is meant to do, that is, become erect when it should. Some wise man once said, "A Man Cannot Look Down and Command his Flesh to Rise." So there is uncertainty, even on a physiological level. Those who deny my assertion will say that the behaviors itemized above apply only to an abnormal minority. That too is a defense. The above types are the obvious ones but that is not to say that those who do not manifest any of these patters are cool, self satisfied with their masculinity and never have any qualms about their adequacy. Most men do have such qualms but they manage to cover, deny, dissimulate, distract or otherwise prevent others from getting behind their protective shield. After all, the male ego being what it is, one would hardly expect anyone to come out and flatly admit his fears and inadequacies in this area. Those that voice this complaint are those that comprise the large group listed as Group 2 above. That uncertainty is there simply because it is built into biology and has been from the most primitive times.

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BUTTERFLY OFFERS AID TO TIER'S TRANSVESTITES

by Ann Treneman

The blonde woman in a gray dress trimmed in burgundy opened the door and ushered a visitor into the dining room. This is Cassandra Shelley.

An hour later, the visitor looked up and saw a man dressed in dark-green cords and a white top. This is Tony Shelley.

Cassandra and Tony Shelley are the same person. Tony Shelley is a transvestite, or a TV, as he said, and a founder of a new organization in the Southern Tier called 'Butterfly'.

Butterfly is a non-profit social, educational and self-help group for transvestites, transsexuals and their families.

"TSs and TVs in this area have not been able to go and talk to anybody," said Shelley, who works in a high tech industry in the engineering sciences and asked that his real name not be used.

He hopes to change that lack of contact with 'Butterfly' and said the fledgling group already has been doing peer counseling and education.

"The big thing is most people really don't know other groups or how to get in contact with other people. there are a lot of basics people don't know about. If you're just coming out, you don't know how to dress, how to buy things that you need, how to find other people of like mind," he said.

The group also gives referrals for services and will work to educate the general public, he said. "We're not monsters and we're not perverts," he said.

'Butterfly' already has enlisted a number of support organizations, he said, and they include a social worker, medical practitioner, voice therapist and clothing retailers.

A major reason for the group is social, but Shelley stressed this is not a "dating club."

While 'Butterfly' now includes a handful of people, Shelley said he bel eves about 2 percent of the population are transvestites and transsexuals, and he is convinced there are more people who would join. "We safeguard everybody's identity very closely," he said.

He describes transvestites as people who have a need to express a different side of their personality through dressing up as a stereotypical female or male.

"A transsexual, on the other hand, is a person who from the earliest

recollection believes themselves to be the other sex," he said.

"A transvestite likes to be able to be their genetic counterpart no and then. a transsexual is that other counterpart. They just happen to have been born with a birth defect, so to speak," he said, adding there are far fewer true transsexuals than transvestites.

While claiming that cross-dressing is much more accdepted in Europe, Shelley said he believes it also is becoming slightly more accepted in America.

"The movie 'Tootsie' did more for us than you'll ever believe. a lot of people will say (about actor Dustin Hoffman's character) 'Well, he had to do that to get a job.' I have to do this (cross-dress) to keep my marriage and to keep my sanity. That's the way I look at it," said Shelley.

However, if Shelley ever needed proof society has not fully accepted cross-dressing, he received it while setting up Butterfly's support organizations.

"The ratios of phones slammed in my ear was...about 60 percent. Of the ones that listened, about 30 percent were willing to offer assistance and 10 percent of those stores and shops were willing to make specialized hours for us," he said.

Shelley also would like to see a spouse support group as part of Butterfly. The reaction of spouses to cross-dressing, he said, ranges from complete support to total rejection.

Most transvestites are heterosexual, he said, and he described cross-dressing as having not to do with sex but as something done to relieve stress and have fun.

By fun, Shelley means fussing with hairstyles, applying makeup and dressing up. He points to his makeup, wig, and dress, "This, this, this. These are all crutches. They help trigger the sub-conscious and say 'now it's time to be a lady.'"

Transvestites, he said, are more often men dressing as women than women dressing as men. "Women can wear slacks when they like, but I can't wear a skirt," he said.

He added: "We're not freaks. We're just people. We don't have horns. The thing is, if you're by yourself, it's very hard.

P.S. Anyone interested in 'Butterfly' can write to PO Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760

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FEMALE CROSS-DRESSERS
by Germaine Hahn

An interesting phenomenon that is currently happening in the women's movement is the justification of transvestite practices by women in history. Two outstanding examples of this are Deborah Sampson, currently being sold to children as "our first woman soldier" and Doctor Mary Walker, an Assistant Surgeon for the Union Army in theCivil War. Both are justified in their cross-dressing practices by ascribing patriotic motives to them that transcend their flouting of conventional appearance. Neither of them are termed "transvestites" by apologists, although this is indeed what they were. both women present rich opportunities for further psychological introspection, but let's take a closer look.

Deborah Sampson was born in Massachusetts in 1760. Her first recorded instance of cross-dressing was motivated by nothing more than "a craving of adventure" when she was 20 years old. She made forays into distant towns dressed as a male and was curtailed only by a meagre income. for her efforts, she was excommunicated by the local Baptist church on the strong suspicion of "dressing in men's clothes". She could have cared less, for by this time, she had enlisted in the Ciontinental Army as a male. When, after 3 years of military service, her female gender was confirmed, the army simply provided her with garments for either sex, leaving her free to choose. She chose to continue to wear her uniform. Discharged, she continued to wear male garb and worked as a farmhand, until her marriage, when she suddenly took to wearing skirts. at this time in society, the issue was not one of complicated sexual speculation, but of simple décency in conforming to one's gender appearance. It's also a fact that women of this period often resorted to wearing men's clothing to participate in some military way or acts of banditry against their fellow citizens.

A hundred years later, Dr. Mary Walker, born 1832, in Oswego Town, New York, gained fame as an Assistant Surgeon, for the Union Army. She wore men's clothing during her time of service and continued wearing them after her discharge. Walker began her cross-dressing at 16, the reason being given that "she scorned confining female clothing". Like Sampson, she went on the lecture circuit to justify her actions; however, here takes place a curious departure of comparative behavior. Presuming that, after her marriage, Sampson wore skirts during the day, and donned her military uniform to lecture in the evening, Walker wore men's clothes during the

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day, and full evening dress (female) for her lectures.

At a time when society was given to a simpler setting, Deborah Sampson's masquerade was given a plain interpretation, and she was accepted for what she was, a person who simply preferred the clothing of the opposite sex. Although social disapproval was registered by her ex-communication, she was not actively reviled or punished for her choice of appearance. A hundred years later, Dr. Walker was rotten-egged, publicly insulted and arrested many times for "masquerading in men's clothes". Both women openly declared their preference. Moreover, it must be noted that Walker's involvement in other affairs caused great resentment towards her, apart from her cross-dressing.

The point of this essay is to demonstrate that the basic motivation to cross-dress is present in both men and women, in spite of what altruistic motives are attributed to them. One must note that Sampson began to cross-dress because of "a craving for adventure" long before she became a soldier, while Walker was "scorning female clothing" at age 16. From this we may conclude that cross-dressing is not particularly gender-motivated, being a singlely male disorder as we think of it today, nor does it appear to be a matter of sical turbulence, as has been theorized. Perhaps by taking a closer look at those who cross-dressed in history, we will conclude that individuals of both sexes see in experience that are desirable. Perhaps, after all is said and done, the basic ;motive to cross-dress is simply this and nothing more. when our present-day society sees this as the reason for a person's cross-dressing, without the embroidery of needless psychological complication or underlying deceit, we will all be totally free to appear as we wish. It is that simple.

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PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING
with Dr. Richard F. Docter

QUESTION: What are the wives' of TVs most concerned about?

ANSWER: Security issues. How will TV behavior backfire and hurt the reputation of the family, the husband and wife? What will the neighbors think? How will relatives react? What unexpected impacts may be felt by children in the home? While there are also concerns about money and time spent on TV activities and many other issues as well, it is the fear of public exposure to ridicule, misunderstanding, and possible rejection which is of greatest importance to most wives. Wives do not tend to step forward and take an active part in TV research. Only about one-third of the wives have been willing to complete a short questionnaire. This is probably an indication of the desire of most wives to separate themselves from TV activity whenever possible.

QUESTION: Does interest in cross-dressing diminish with age?

ANSWER: Very little data collection across the life span has been completed among TVs. This is one of the questions which we believe will be far more successfully addressed as the National Gender Project continues. My impression based on about 125 life histories of TVs is that more or less predictable patterns of cross-dressing do emerge. However, major life changes such as retirement, a new job, a divorce, a marriage and other major

life changes may disrupt what was a stable pattern. There may be radically different cross-dressing behaviors following these major life adjustments. While there are many reported cases of cross-dressers active into their early eighties, there are also cases of that age where cross-dressing is reported to have stopped entirely.

QUESTION: How can you predict which TV will elect to live full time as a woman if the opportunity to do so exists?

ANSWER: At present, there is no solid basis for making such predictions. A major factor may be the opportunity to do whatever you please in the way of cross-dressing, without fear of reprisal or loss of valued relationships. But some TVs who have strong fantasies of living full time as a woman do not actually experiment with this option even when the opportunity to do so is available. Others who seem to be unlikely candidates for full time living as a woman wind up doing so to the amazement of their TV friends. It is very rare for TVs to do this while holding a marriage together. An unusual exception are those cases where the wife discovers that living with a "woman" is more satisfying than living with a man. Almost invariable, however, wives are strongly turned off and intensely threatened by even the verbalization of fantasies by a TV concerning his living as a woman.

QUESTION: Should I tell my young children about my TV interests?

ANSWER: This is so complicated it is impossible to give a brief word of advice. Judging from my interviews and correspondence with a large number of TVs, the usual tactic is to keep the entire TV matter secret and to release information only on the basis of some kind of need to know or following accidental discovery. some TVs will offer strong arguments for full disclosure to children, often when they are supposedly old enough to understand. Others urge complete silence and strict security. No one knows from a factual standpoint what the benefits or risks may be relative to the development of the children of TVs.

QUESTION: How common is it for wives to be unaware of their husband's TV activity?

ANSWER: While this is often highly secretive behavior for many years, most of the TVs in my research sample (about 100) have explained their TV needs to their wives. A high percentage of wives in this study clearly dislike cross-dressing but a surprising number see it as a therapeutic and pleasureable experience for the husband and are therefore quite supportive. The strongest objections relate to lapses of security and concerns about family and friends' attitudes.

(** Editor's Note: Thanks to 'CHIC' and Dr. Docter, we are now able to offer 'Psychologically Speaking' as a regular feature. We feel very strongly about the value of this new feature to our readers that we urge anyone who has a question they need to have answered to contact Dr. Docter.)

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A NIGHT OUT
by Terri Scott

"Was she out of her mind? Why was she doing it?" Tina's mind was full of doubts and questions but here she was about to enter a singles bar.

Tina had been out many times without any problems, but that was different, it was shopping or walking in the park. She also had been to gay bars many times but that also was different, everyone knew what you were and accepted you. Live and let live, it was wonderful but it lacked something, namely, being thought of as a woman rather than a cross-dresser.

Tina wanted to be accepted as a woman and after much thought, talking to herself about the dangers of the situation and reviewing and practicing her voice and mannerisms, she had decided that tonight was the night. Just a quick drink and leave, but when she did, she would leave with her self-confidence and feminine ego sky high.

She was only two blocks away and was such a nervous wreck her sweaty hands kept sliding off the steering wheel. She felt the perspiration on her forehead. "Was my make-up going to run?" she thought to herself, "My mascara? My eyeliner?" She could really look a mess and be read instantly. "Courage girl," she told herself. "You can do it, I know you can!" It was crazy, but the intense internal desire that she had drove her on. She had to experience being accepted as a woman.

Tina pulled into the parking lot of Valentine's, the biggest singles place in town. Surprisingly, she found a parking space close to the entrance. "This is it, girl, GO!" She got out the car and walked towards the entrance and she knew that there were already male eyes upon her. No laughs, no comments, just admiring glances. She had passed her first test.

The doorman held the door open and greeted her with a pleasant, "Good evening miss." An electric shock of joy pulsed through her, and her confidence went up 1000 percent.

The singles bar was mobbed. She made her way to the bar and unexpectedly found a vacant spot in the corner. It was a safe spot - or was it?

A harried waitress asked her for her drink order, took it and departed without a second glance. She was passing...SHE WAS PASSING! Tina looked around and observed the crowd. It took her a minute to realize that she, too, was being observed by several different men. One was making his way towards her.

"Hi, mind if I join you?" Tina found herself giving a positive reply. what was she doing - looking for trouble? No, she was reacting like an attractive woman. But she wasn't a woman. Tina knew that she was living dangerously, but she also knew that this was what she had wanted all her life, to be treated and accepted as the woman she was, mentally if not physically.

His name was Larry, and he was a warm, interesting and attractive man. Soon they were deep in conversation. Tina had almost forgotten what she was borgotten what she was because the feminine role she was fulfilling in the conversation came so naturally to her. She was aresponding like any female, she was responding as the female she was in in this first encounter with the 'opposite sex'. Still tiny doubts and fears filtered through her mind, all telling her, be careful. However, her mind was dominated, controlled by the fact that she was finally experiencing the things she had desired all of her life.

"How about us leaving this meat market and going to a quiet place where we can talk more easily?" Larry's proposal sent of alarms in Tina's psyche. It's gone too far. Time to end this encounter and get out of here. He's so nice but he won't be when he finds out what I am. Tina suppressed her signals of fear and apprehension and responded quickly and softly, "Lets."

No doubts, no second thoughts, she responded naturally, without regrets because she wanted to go with Larry. She wanted to spend more time with him. She responded like she was a woman mentally and physically rather than just mentally. The situation and her feminine emotional desires had taken control. She was a woman. Her self doubts were replaced with self-confidence. As they left Valentine's, Larry gently took her by the arm and guided her out. He opened the car door for her and as Tina settled herself into the car seat she though how wonderful it was to be a woman and to have a man pay these small courtesies to her. She doubted that most women enjoyed them as she did, they just took them for granted.

Larry had selected a small, cozy, romantic bar only a few blocks away from Valentine's. She had no fears, doubts or apprehensions. She was a woman, she was Tina. Now instead of worrying obut being read, she enjoyed the situation to the fullest. The admiring male glances as they made their way to a small candle-light table were accepted by her as an acknowledgement of her attractiveness. The role that she had felt she could never have because of her male sex now became hers and she fulfilled it with elegance, class and sophistication. The romantic atmosphere made her glow inwardly and outwardly and obviously had an effect on Larry. They held hands and chatted softly as the piano player sang soft romantic songs. Tina realized that as nice as Larry was, as much as he was a gentleman, the mood, the conversation was all headed in one direction, a direction she could not handle despite her deep internal desire to do so.

Tina excused herself and headed for the ladies room. There hopefully she could devise a plan to get herself out of the situation. The thought of telling Larry that she had her period naturally crossed her mind, however, she knew that explanation would not be sufficient. It was 1:30, last call was only a few minutes away. What had she gotten herself into? More importantly, how did she get herself out of the situation? As she applied her lipstick, she looked at the woman in the mirror, the woman who had attracted Larry: Tina was so real and, yet, she was not.

She returned to their table, her self-confidence not as strong as a few moments ago. Larry immediately suggested that they leave and go pick up her car and then go to his place for a nightcap. Tina knew that despite her desires there was only one answer to give him, then she could try and handle his objections. "Yes, let's leave but no to the nightcap. I'm sorry but I have to go home. Perhaps another time."

There, she had gotten it out. she had roadblocked the situation and let him down gently. She would worry about another time when that time came. "You didn't disappoint me, I figured that you were too much of a lady to go home with a guy the first night but I had to give it a try. However, let's set up that another time right now. How about dinner tomorrow night?"

Tina looked into Larry's eyes, he was one in a million and she had found him but she was one in a billion. "No, I'm busy tomorrow night, in fact, this is a very busy week for me. I'd love to but I can't, I just can't."

"Okay, Saturday night?"

"Alright, Saturday night it is." Tina knew that she couldn't go through with it but at least she had extracted herself from the present situation. He took her hand and led her out of the bar and headed for the car. Tina's self-confidence returned. She was happy, as happy as she had ever been in her life. She had an enthusiams for life that she had never experienced before. she had succeeded in overcoming all the barriers of her life in just a few short hours. She had hurdled those seemingly insurmountable barriers and had become a woman to all. This was the way her life was meant to be. This was the way her life would be from this moment on. Her euphoria was so intense that she didn't even consider the problem of the inevitable good night kiss. She could handle it, she wanted it.

Larry held her close, the parting comments were leading directly to that moment. Tina was ready, she moved into his embrace. The nearness of him, the excitement of what was about to occur stirred every nerve in her body. The wonderful softnes of the moment made her long suppressed femininity sparkle

forth. Their lips met.

"It's seven o'clock at WZQX. Good morning everybody, time to rise and shine. It's another beautiful sunny day in WZQX land but unfortunately it's a work day. No matter because Larry Simmons is here to make your morning bright with music, chatter, the traffic reports and lots more." Todd opened his sleepy, groggy eyes, tried to orient himself. Tina was gone, everything was gone, he was Todd again. Could it have been just a dream? He pounded his pillow in frustration. A hopeless, defeated frustration, Tina's frustration. She was gone physically but not mentally, gone like the dream.

The voice from the clock radio kept urging Todd to get up and face this new day. "Come on sleepy heads, let's get with it. Hey Bill in Park City, get of bed and Brenda and Diane in Springfield, out, out! Jimmy Jay in Newtown, it's time for you to hit the deck. And, a very special Good Morning to Tina, a beautiful lady and a special lady, from your Good Morning Man, Larry, at WZQX."

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MEN WHO WEAR DRESSES HAVE A PLACE IN PROVINCETOWN

by Jack White

The unusual thing about the five guys who were walking along the street was the nylons. They were the kind with the wide, dark seams that run up the back of the leg. The other thing was that theIR dresses and other clothing they wore looked to be vintage 1950.

The sight of the five men dressed as women, in clothes that were designed when Harry Truman was president, would cause at least a traffic jam in Hyannis, and have a good shot at making a police report in Falmouth as the cause of a multi-car accident. In some towns, the men dressed as women would be answering question for the local constabulary.

But not in Provincetown. Provincetown is different. Not different 'bad', or different 'wrong'. Just different 'different'.

Which is why the five guys with the Korean War-era clothes apparently caused nary a stir as they took an afternoons stoll Thursday on Commercial Street.

The Mid-Cape gets all kinds of conventions, which often are attended by uncivilized behavior on the part of people who would never behave that way back home in Poughkeepsie. But that's the way it sometimes is with people who live all year for that four-day blast which allows them to feel emancipated enough to run down corridors at 3 a.m. ringing cowbells after getting so smashed they can't remember their truly bizarre behavior.

But cowbells and a few fist fights among people who are otherwise friends is a bit more acceptible to most communities that make a buck on conventions than the Fantasia Fair.

The annual event, which ended its latest nine-day get-together yesterday, is essentially for men who are known as "cross-dressers." That means the men - said to have included lawyers, airline pilots, a submarine commander, construction workers, accountants, bankers, physicians, psychologists, grocers, and a professional football player, and hockey player - like to dress in women's clothes and, in many cases, affect feminine mannerisms.

In researching the Fantasia Fair in newspaper clips, we found these observations from cross-dressers who have attended the fair in Provincetown:

* There are about 2 million cross-dressers in the United States, but many of them do not lead dual lives or dress entirely in women's clothing.

* Cross-dressers are from every walk of life and from every economic and social level. Many hide their desire to dress as women from family, friends and fellow workers.

* Cross-dressing is a term that encompasses transvestites (those who consider themselves male and masculine and do not want to be female, but get pleasure from dressing as women), transsexuals (those who identify more with the opposite sex and some of whom undergo sex changes) and bigenderists (those who have established separate male and female identities, and who do not feel like one sex trapped in the body of the opposite sex).

* There are often "problems" when a woman discovers she is married to a man who likes to dress as a woman. Many such marriages don't last.

The Fantasia Fair has been help in Provincetown for 10 consecutive years, according to Betty Ann of Washington, DC. He said by phone Thursday that Fantasia Fair '84 was going very well.

"We got 60 full-time people her," he said, explaining that some people came only for the weekend and were not included in the figure of "full-time" Fair goers who attended the public and privat events.

The Fair, sponsored by an organization called the Outreach Foundation in Boston, is a chance for cross-dressers to "be themselves" in the non-hostile atmosphere that the event has found in Provincetown for the last decade.

Betty Ann, who said he was pressed for time because of a rehearsal for that night's "Fan-Fair Follies" at the Pilgrim House Hotel on Commercial Street, couldn't stay on the phone long but was generous with the time he had.

"A theatrical, with songs, dances and routines," is how he described the Follies. Posters around Provincetown described the follies as "The most unique talent show on the Cape."

Betty Ann was clearly concerned that the caller would write a biased account of the Fair, but nonetheless took time to answer questions, explaining that the Fair "isn't essentially a 'gay' thing. There are married men here and about 12 wives.

"Outreach is an educational foundation to help people - educators, psychologist, counselors - cope with cross-dressers. The proceeds of the Fair go for that," Betty Ann added.

He said this year's Fair was based at the Holiday Inn of Provincetown and it cost participants who were in at-

tendance the full nine days about $600.

Other highlights of Fantasia Fair '84 were an "Evening with the Town" last Monday, followed Tuesday by a fashion show ("Casual, sport and evening wear by the Fantasia models"), and the "Fantasy Ball," held Friday at the Pilgrim House. The ball featured the crowning of Ms and Mr Fantasy.

The only comparable event is an annual affair called 'DREAM' on the West Coast, in the Portland, OR. area" Betty Ann said. He added that there are about "20 mini-events throughout the country" ceach year.

Betty Ann's last comment to the caller was, "Be kind, OK?"

We Betty Ann, all we do here is present the facts as we can get them and, in this instance, conclude that Provincetown is an accommodating place.

If the people who run the Fantasia Fair tried to hold it just about any other place, except apparently "in the Portland, Ore., area" or in San Francisco, local politicians would be having seizures on the 6 and 11 o'clock news as they called for investigations and threatened to pull liquor licenses.

A woman bartender at the Pilgrim House said that on Tuesday night there were about 100 Fair goers in the lounge and they were having a good time and there were no problems.

Can you imagine what it would have been like of the Moral Majority had

been holding a convention in Provincetown this past week? That's when we would have seen just how accommodating Provincetown really is - and how accommodating the Moral Majority is.

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A TRANSVESTITE LIFE - FACTS NOT FANTASY by Lynette Jones

New members of our club and some longer term ones as well must feel confused, if not frustrated, when they read in commercial publications as well as our own Bulletins about the lives of transvestites. The authors all follow the same pattern - diverging from the realms of possibility into pure fantasy.

How many times have you read of the boy who "dresses" for the first time, looks into a mirror and finds a beautiful girl? How many times have you read a detailed description of a fellow transvestite dressing for a simple visit to the local milk bar in clothes which would normally be more suited to the set of an MGM musical?

It is all unmitigated balderdash!

To allay the frustrations fo our new members I propose to tell it as it is. Having been an active transvestite for over 45 years, I have had enough experience to go where I like, when I like, but not as I like. I would like to be a glamorous beauty but knowing my physical as well as age limitations I must be or appear to be an aging woman; akin to a favourite aunt or grandmother. However, more of this later. Firstly let us look at the various types of transvestites.

There are two main groups - Full Time and Part time. The Full Timers can be divided into two sections, those who live as females and those who live as transvestites; there is a difference. You will not hear much about those who live as females as they do it so successfully that only their personal friends who are aware of their history know their true gender. Those who live as transvestites do so because of their occupation. Most are connected with show business but other callings also require some publicity as a transvestite. Having been involved in the night club industry for some 22 years (I gave Bobby Limb his first job as a band leader) and with two all-male revues for many of those 22 years, I can assure our members that unless you are young and beautiful you have far more to gain by looking at the Part Timers.

For transvestites like ourselves we have two distinct areas to look at. Firstly, the area connected with the home and secondly our more "public" appearances. The home area includes not only the house but also the immediate neighbourhood, including the local shopping centre. For it is in this area that you must leart to live as a transvestite. for your "public" appearances you must live as a female but in the home area you will be known as your male self and recognized no matter how well you dress. However do not become alarmed, as you will find that acceptance is there - it is only waiting for you to discover it. when I started my public appearances some 45 years ago the word transvestite did not exist. People such as us were considered by the public at large as something evil. Happily this is not the case today and over the last ten years in particular, public acceptance has become such that we are not worth a second glance today. This is applicable only to those who wish to lead a normal life as a normal person of the feminine gender. If you want to be an exhibitionist, and there are some whose lives revolve around this, you will attract second and even third glances, but this is not for us, the common garden variety transvestites who constitute Seahorse Victoria.

At this stage I must emphasize that those members who are limited by family commitments will not find a ready solution to those problems in this article. That is something you

have to sort out for yourself with your family, but for those who have no problems of this nature, my experiences should be of benefit to you. For those who do not know me, let me fill you in on personal details. I am a widower of some sixty years, have the responsibility of two grandnieces in their very early twenties who until recently lived with me, live in a block of four flats and spend 99% of my life outside work as Lynette.

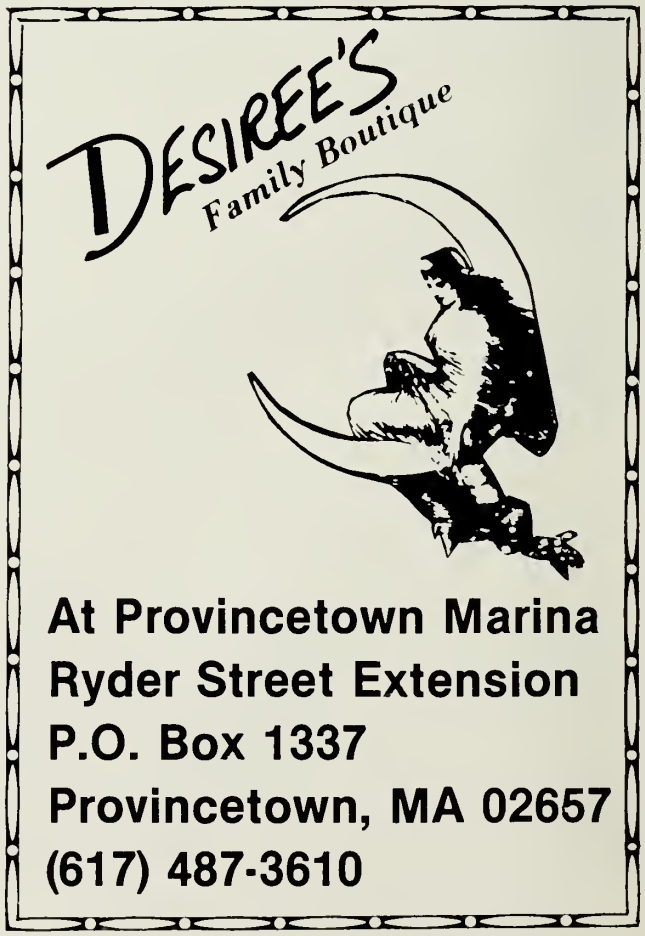
My life is the normal dull routine of any suburban housewife. I have the housework, cooking, washing, ironing and shopping to do, social obligations to fulfill and neighbours who visit and are visited. Nothing unusual except that I do this in the feminine gender without a worry in the world, and certainly without any worries about what the neighbours think. I have been in the same flat for many years and have seen many tenants come and go in the other flats. Never have I offered any expanation about Lynette. My only remark has been to advise my neighbours that my female image is called Lynette. I will not pretend no question have been asked. There have been many but my only answer has been that I prefer things that way. Comments have been confined to "that's different", "it's your life", and from one kindly lady of some 70 years who did not recognise Lynette and asked which flat I lived in, "I would never have known."

Acceptance is complete in the flat area. so much so that I share cups of coffee and gossip in three of the four kitchens as do any other close neighbours. I shop in my local shopping centre and again the same is applicable. No trader has ever passed any comment although I am sure I have been recognised for the male person I am, even though appearing the the female role.

This acceptance has not been achieved just by throwing on a dress and a bit of makeup. The first thing any transvestite must do is to accept the fact that you are a transvestite. Do not waste time asking "WHY?". Accept and enjoy. You must then realize that nobody else is interested in you. they are all far too concerned with their own affairs to worry about somebody else who happens to prefer dressing in the female manner, so be confident in your appearances in public. Do not constantly look around to see if you are being watched. Go about your business without a care in the world. And lastly, dress to suit your age and figure, and remember that cosmetics are to enhance, not cover.

It all sounds too easy. In fact, it takes a lot of practice which you must do. If you have no dress sense or even if you want confirmation of what you think is right, ask. If you have no female relatives or friends to advise you, stand on a street corner in the city and watch the passing parade. Look for women your own age and build. Note what stands out and what is to be avoided. You do not want to stand out. You want to blend in. Note those colours and styles which do blend in, and apply this to your wardrobe. Not everything you buy will be suitable. There will be disasters, but this happens to all women.

This article is too short to teach you anything about makeup and indeed I am not qualified to do so. I know what suits me. I have found this out through trial and error, advice from



family and visits to the beauty parlour. This is the process you must go through to get the best out of makeup. Reading about it is not enough without the practical application. The phrase "practice makes perfect" is very apt for this facet of your appearance. Many hours in front of the mirror are required but the result is well worth the time you spend.

My social life with family and friends is quite normal. I entertain at home, go out to dinner and the theatre, visit friends and attend my nieces' social and sporting events. The only time I have had any worries was when I attended for the first time a party given by my nieces for their friends. My worry at that time was not for myself; it was concern for the way my nieces' friends may react to them. The worry was quite unnecessary as the acceptance was complete, and I have since received invitations from my nieces' friends.

What I have tried to convey in this article is that public acceptance is there for those who seek it. It is the acceptance of the individual person no matter which gender they purport to be. It is the person, not the packaging, that is important, although the packaging must be appropriate. It is the person, not any club, television program, or press coverage, who gains acceptance.

Being a member of Seahorse Victoria does not and will not gain public acceptance for you.

Being written up in the local press as the local drag queen does not and will not gain acceptance for you.

Being the subject of a television program does not and will not gain acceptance for you.

A lecture to the Forum Club (which has a smaller membership than Seahorse) does not and will not gain public acceptance for you.

Nothing anyone else does will gain public acceptance for you.

THE ONLY THING WHICH WILL GAIN PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE FOR YOURSELF IS YOU!

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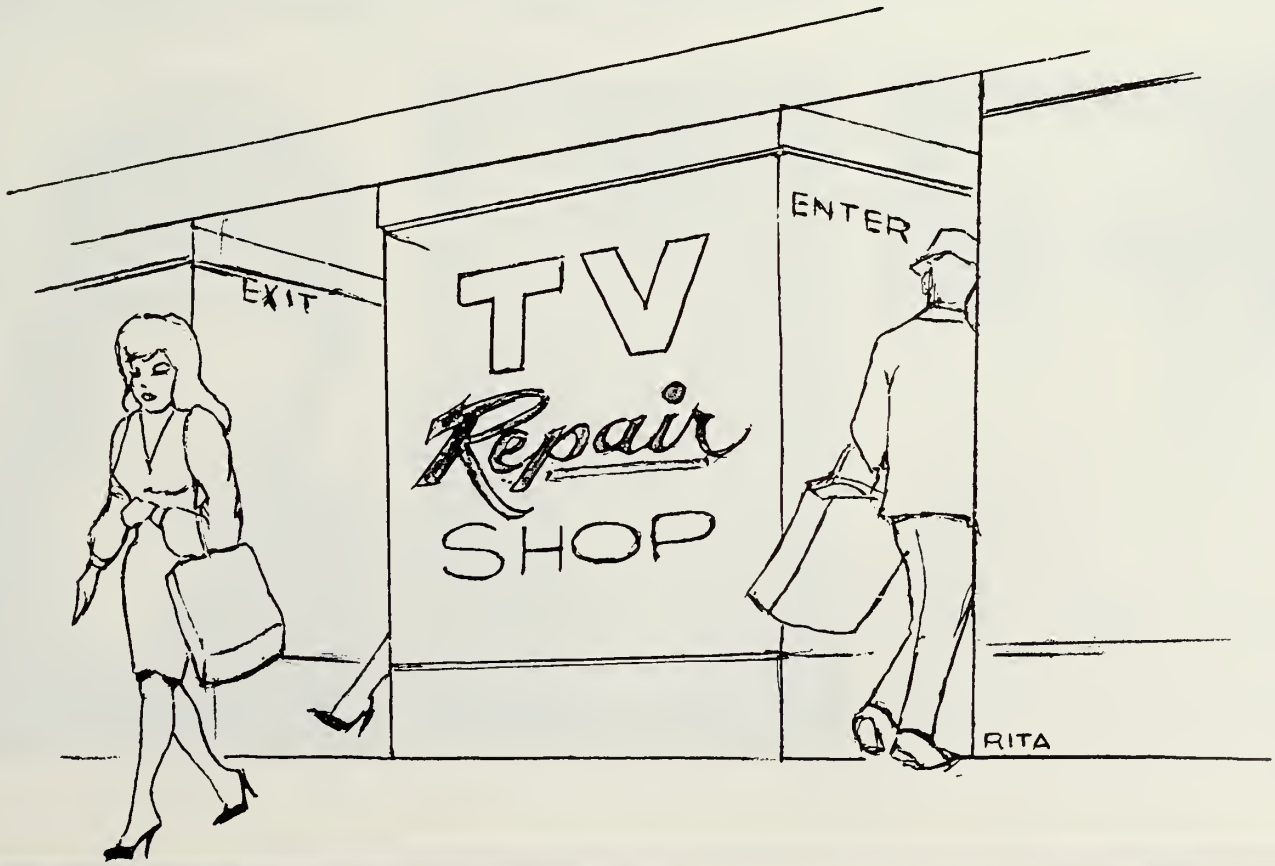

THE ELIZABETH CLUB

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SOCIAL NEWS

PHOTO CREDIT: VAN JAMES (WAUKESHA, WI)

Mr. & Mrs. Trober Nosretep

--Taken from the "Lake Woebegone (Wisconsin) Courier"

Matilda Anderson, older sister of the well-known society pest, Malinda Anderson, made her marriage vows last Saturday at the Seaman's Memorial Lutheran Church here in Lake Woebegone. Pastor Ingvest presided at the ceremonies. More than 200 people, including numerous broken-hearted Norwegian bachelors, attended.

the groom was Lt. Commander Trebor Nosretep, who serves the military attache at the Norwegian Consulate in Duluth. He is the son of Count Pericles Nosretep, who achieved much fame in W.W. II as a leader of the Norwegian Underground. It is said that he used lutefisk to undrmine the Nazi spirit.

After the ceremonies were completed, a gala supper and wedding dance took place at the Plaza de la Lefsa Hotel. Society people were very put-out though, over the conduct of Malinda Anderson, who was thought (hopefully) to be taking the waters at the famous health spa "The Golden Garter" in Chicago near the north side. Malinda, accompanied by her Bon-Vivant boyfriend, Lambchops, caused much annoyance by her drunken and outlandish behavior. The authorities escorted her to strong lodgings for the evening.

The bride and groom will wait for June before taking their honeymoon in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

BULLETINS, NOTICES, NEWS

TIFFANY CLUB
INTRODUCES ITS OFFICERS
FOR 1985

From left to right top to bottom: Sherry Lorraine (Board of Directors, Vice President), Jean Johnston (Board of Directors), Merissa Lynn (Executive Secretary, Managing director Tapestry), Stephanie Chandler (Board of Directors), Laura Granger (Board of Directors), Siobhan Donovan (Board of Directors), Joanne B. (Board of Directors), Roberta Dearborn (President). Missing: Patricia W. (Board of Directors) (somebody had to take the picture), and Helen Tibbetts (Board of Directors.

CORRECTION:

The author of the article, "THE NEED TO NETWORK", published in Tapestry issue 44, accidentally forgot to complete the phrase, "To some degree, such networking now exists,"

The phrase should have read: "To some degree, such networking now exists, for example: The informal affiliation among GENDERSERVE, the METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION, and TS COUNSELING."

(Maryland)
NEW GROUP FORMING

If you would like to meet with a sympathetic, knowledgeable (genetic) woman who is interested in forming a support group for TVs, then this is for you! Miss Julia, who has handled TVs previously, would like to organize a discussion group, a sit-down dinner, a party, etc. Such a gathering would give everybody a chance to get acquainted and decide how the group could address the needs of the local TV/TS Community. For more info, write: JULIA, POB 52, SUITLAND, MD 20746

VIRGINIA PRINCE, Ph.D.
IS SEEKING YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

In 1963 Virginia conducted a survey of heterosexual cross-dressers. Her important work led to vast revisions of how helping professionals viewed persons who cross-dressed, how society perceived cross-dressers, and a much greater understanding of the cross-dressers themselves.

Now Virginia is up-dating her study to find out how the attitudes, experiences, etc. of cross-dressers today differ from those of 20 years ago. Virginia wants and needs your participation She needs at least 500 responses to make her study valid. She does however state that her study is for cross-dressers who consider themselves to be heterosexual, and live a regular heterosexual lifestyle.

She is cooperating in this research with a professor of Psychiatry at one University and a Ph.D. candidate at another. If they are successful in getting a good response to the questionnaire ti will be a difinitive work on the subject of Transvestism and will provide more information on the subject than is presently possessed by the whole psychiatric profession.

Again, if you consider yourself to be a heterosexual cross-dresser, your participation is wanted, and it is NEEDED!

Security - Your interest in participation and the questionnaire itself will not require any identification, and Virginia alone will do the vailing, so that everyone's ID will remain confidential. Most of you know that Virginia has always made confidentiality her principle concern, so don't let confidentiality stop you from participating.

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If you are a heterosexual cross-dresser, and willing to participate in Virginia's study, please tear off this portion with your name (adopted name is OK), Street (or P.O., or c/o), and address, and return it to: Virginia Prince, Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036

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Understanding that the questionnaire itself will be anonymous and that Virginia Prince will handle all the mailings herself and names will not be revealed even to the other members of the research team, I will be glad to help in the collection of data on TVism by filling out the questionnaire.

Send the questionnaire to:

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WANTED!!!

Poems, limericks, free verse on themes related to: transsexualism, transvestism, and androgyny for inclusion in forthcoming book: 'AN ANTHOLOGY OF TS, TV, AND ANDRODYNOUS VERSE'. Send submissions to:

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CARTOON IDEAS AND ARTWORK WANTED:

Preferably the cartoons are drawn from your own experiences. The intention is to give us a chance to chuckle at ourselves. Please, no sexually oriented cartoons or artwork.

Send to: Liz Warburton, c/o TV-TS Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

FICTION & NON-FICTION WANTED:

We are looking for good short stories that are tasteful, non-sexual, and well written.

We are also looking for well written editorials, poetry, personal profiles, personal experiences, how-to articles, and general information articles.

We are also looking for news items, entertaining short subjects, etc.

(Any item you send us that you wish returned, please include a stamped SASE. Also, any item you submit should be typewritten.)

Send to: Delores Carter, c/o TV-TS Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

STAMPS-STAMPS-STAMPS

As you know, the TV-TS Tapestry is a non-profit publication. It is also designed to be an information clearing house. One of our most overwhelming burdons is handling all the requests for information, complimentary mailings to non-profit TV/TS organizations, libraries, helping professional organizations, etc, and doing outreach work. This all cost us a tremendous amount in postage (averaging app. $200 a month). We need stamps! (We need a lot of other things too, but postage is the single largest item.)

If you have stamps you can donate, send them to: Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Thank you.

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TIFFANY CLUB

BIG EFFORT PAID OFF FOR
BOSTON'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

In the truest spirit of Christmas, the Tiffany Club took up a collection for WBZ 1030 radio's Children's Hospital Fund Drive. The effort, coordinated by Roberta D., netted over $750.00 (in cash, and the auction of a beautiful cabbage patch kid named 'Jilly'). Tiffany's 'Santa' (Roberta) made the presentation to WBZ's Dave Maynard on the air on behalf of Tiffany.

David Estridge, VP of Public Affairs for Children's Hospital, sent a formal letter of appreciation to the Tiffany Club for their gift "...to help Children's Hospital continue to give quality and compassionate health care to our young patients in need."

NEWS ITEM: ALTON, IL (AP)

SHE LEAVES DRESSES TO HER EX-HUSBAND

A woman who died last year bequeathed her transvestite ex-husband her dresses and accessories but nothing else from her $82,000 estate as her "last laugh" on him, the woman's lawyer says.

"It was a facetious act. He was a transvestite. He liked to dress up in women's clothing, and she wasn't too happy about it," said the woman's lawyer, Edward G. Moorman.

Moorman declined to identify the woman, who died of cancer in August 1983, or her former husband.

The will reads, "I give and bequest all my dresses and matching accessories to my ex-husband." The will divided the rest of the estate among the woman's children and grandchildren. "It was a last laugh by her," Moorman said. "That's exactly what it was." She came up with the idea of leaving her wardrobe to her former husband while discussing the will with lawyers, Moorman said.

The couple, both about 60, were divorced in 1981. The man is seeking personal property that he was unable to get after the divorce, and Associate Judge Jonathan Isbell is hearing claims and counterclaims in the probate case in Madison County Circuit Court.

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NEWS ITEM: BOSTON

DOCTORS LINK KIDNEY FAILURE TO SEX CHANGE

Sex change operations that include large or numerous silicone injections may cause kidney stones, which in turn cause kidney failure, doctors from Loyola Univerity warned.

Dr. Gregory A. Kozeny, a professor of medicine at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood IL reported the case of one such patient in the New England Journal of Medicine. He said he has had reports of others suffering from similar problems.

Silicone causes internal scarring and inflammation that sometimes sets off a chain reaction leading to abnormally high calcium levels in the blood. Elevated calcium levels - hypercalcemia - can cause kidney stones and kidney failure.

The problem of kidney failure due to silicone injections may not be limited to transsexuals, he said. Anyone who receives large or numerous injections may be susceptable to the complications he added.

The practice of injecting silicone into the breasts, thighs, face and other parts of the body to mimic or accentuate female attrbutes has been banned in the United States.

However, some people who had the procedure during the 1970's may now be feeling the cumulative effects. In other cases, there may be some unlicensed people still performing the procedure, Kozeny noted. Silicone implants are still performed, but the silicone is usually encased in a plastic bag, which seems to eliminate the complications, he said.

The specific case involved a 33 year-old man who had a sex-change operation when he was 26 and was later given hip injections in 1981 by an unlicensed person, who was known to have given such injections to other transsexuals. The area around the hip injections became inflamed. The patient developed kidney stones and her kidneys only worked at 40 percent efficiency.

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"The Windy City Chapter's SPRING FLING - CHICAGO STYLE"

The 'Spring Fling' is a new weekend function designed to compliment Tiffany's P-town Outing, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend, the 'Be All You Want To Be' Weekend, etc.

There will be a fashion show, boutiques, sight seeing tours, entertainment, etc. The dates are: APRIL 18-21, 1985.

The fees are: 4 days, 3 nights $125.00

3 days, 2 nights $125.00

2 days, 1 night $75.00

For additional information contact: Sharon Renee Hart, (312)472-4518

NEWS ITEM: Nassau County, NY

TS COP RESIGNS JOB

Nassau County's he-she cop, who got nationwide publicity when she underwent a sex change operation two years ago, has resigned from the force, police said.

Jennifer McCormick, a 12 year veteran, tendered her resignation on the eve of her trial on misdemeanor charges stemming from a shooting in a Rockville Centre bar.

McCormick, 42, said she resigned to "pursue a new career in computers." She denied she was quitting because she feared she would be fired if she were convicted and that a guilty verdict would hurt her chances of getting another job.

She said she held onto the job because she needed her medical insurance to cover the costs of her sex-change operation, and counted on her salary to pay the $7,000 in doctor bills not covered by insurance.

She was charged with reckless endangerment, assault, and prohibited use of a firearm. The charges stem from an incident in which McCormick was accused of taking her police revolver out during an argument with a bartender over the price of a drink and wounding him slightly in the arm.

She was acquitted by a Nassau County jury of shooting the bartender, two counts of assault, one of recless endangerment and one of prohibited use of a weapon.

(GenderNet, c/o Gateway Gender Alliance 408-734-8727)

GENDERNET NEWS

By the time you read this, GenderNet will have been expanded to the 5meg hard disk, be a use fee System and on the air almost 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The number of calls to the System and the demands people are making on it

are more than we ever anticipated. Last month we said there had been 3,000 calls as of the end of August. As of the 15th of September the number has increased to 3,402. Quite a few in a 15 day period.

Because of the need for contact between members of the Gender Community we have loaded the Correspondence Directory (minus the No Information Provided entries) into GenderNet. This should open the avenues of communication even further. We expect many of you will be hearing from people who may not be GGA associates, but who are Subscribers to GenderNet. We have removed all the addresses and phone numbers from the CD entries listed on GenderNet so as not to compromise anyone. By the way, those of you who call and have access to the Contact Section of GenderNet may notice that some of the System listings have a -G appended to the listee's ZIP code. This identifies the listee as a GenderNet Subscriber but not a GGA Associate.

If you object to your listing information being on GenderNet drop us a line asking for your listing to be removed from the System and we'll comply.

For those of you having a home computer and a modem we suggest you call GenderNet, at either 300 or 1200 baud, and see what it has to offer.

First time callers are provided a small amount of information, in the Free Section, to browse but, to get into the real meat of the System a use fee is required. This fee will pay some of the expenses of providing you with many of the services now done out of Georgia's pocket and through donations from people in the immediate vicinity of th "Home Office" and allow further expansion of the System if necessary. Some of the incoming revenue will go to pay the phone bills (for calls to the System) of the people, such as Dear Counselor, Dear Mistress, and so on, responsible for answering many of the questions left by callers. Their participation is, in part at least, responsible for much of the incoming traffic.

Each of you is invited to call GenderNet, at least once, to see what is being offered.

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Northeast

TIFFANY CLUB Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE Information distribution throughout New England. The Outreach Institute, Kenmore Sta. Box 368, Boston MA 02215 617-277-3454

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Information distribution for New England, specializing in transsexualism. The XX Club, Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE Information distribution for the New York City Area. B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

MS CHERYL A. MCBRIDE Information distribution for upper New York. Ms Cheryl McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206

MS ALICE MILLARD Information distribution for upper New York (SUMMERS ONLY, May thru Oct.) Ms Alice Millard, Box 264, Cooperstown, NY 13326

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MS ALICE MILLARD Information distribution for South East (especially Gulf Coast area Florida to Louisiana) (WINTERS ONLY, November thru April) Ms Alice Millard,, Box 2355, Pensacola, FL 32513

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PARADISE CLUB Information distribution for Upper Mid-West (Western New York to Illinois) Paradise Club, Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Information distribution Michigan/Ohio area. Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

MS SHARON RENEE HART Information distribution for Chicago area. Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 312-472-4518

MS MALINDA ANDERSON Information distribution for Wisconsin/Minnisota area. c/o R. Peterson. Box 524, Lake Mills WI 53551

MS MAXINE MCDONALD Information distribution for Dallas/Fort Worth area. Maxine McDonald, Box 31171, Dallas TX 75231

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RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Information distribution for Southern California area. Renaissance, Box 11341, Santa Ana, CA 92711 714-836-1803

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Information distribution for Northern California area. GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-678-0609

NORTHWEST CHAPTER Information distribution for Oregon/Washington area. Northwest Chapter, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

Canada

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Information distribution throughout Canada. FACT, Box 291 Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) Information Distribution for the Montreal Canada area. TAM, Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G 2N1 514-352-7481

Foreign

TRANS-CCL Information distribution throughout Europe. Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du christ Liberateur, Minoites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris, France (1) 627-4936

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Information distribution for Australia. The Seahorse Club of Australia, Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

New England

TIFFANY CLUB Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 600, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, overnight accomodations, a hostelry for qualified travelers, and residence for persons in transition), and a balanced program of social and educational activities. Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support group for wives, and provides a hotline for information distribution, and referrals.

Security: If a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whose purposes and objectives are educational. Outreach works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network). seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes both male and female), and a book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of books and reprints is available for $3.00).

Security: Outreach's programs are strictly non-sexual and sophisticated. All participants at any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY Box 66, Allston MA 02134

Nature: Mayflower is a membership organization open to TVs, friends and relatives. The approximately 20 members consist of some who are heterosexual, bisexual, some submissive, B&D, etc. Care is taken that broader interests are not imposed on those who do not wish to participate. Supportive environment emphasizing respect for the individual and security for all.

Services: Mayflower maintains an apartment with a library, private mail boxes, storage, casual get-togethers once a week, and parties once a month.

Security: A candidate for membership must meet with Kay Campbell or Neil Moses prior to joining. Write: Neil Moses, Secretary Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston MA 02134

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

Nature: Halcyon is a friendship and support group for persons from the Rhode Island area interested in 'tasteful' crossdressing. Although affiliated with Tiffany Club, we are basically a 'neighborhood' group and work accordingly.

Services: Halcyon provides informal get-togethers twice a month allowing people a chance to meet with friends who understand the needs of people inclined to crossdress. Periodic newsletter, membership rumpus room and whatever activities planned by the membership at large.

Security: Only written inquiries are accepted. Once received and evaluated a standard information package is sent out along with an arranged meeting with someone already in membership. If the person making the inquiry appears to fit our standards, he/she is invited to attend a Society function. If the person's actions and deeds are consistent, the person is invited by the entire membership to join our ranks. Common sense prevails.

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (information: George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings each month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educational and medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the in vidual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 203-288-1166

Nature: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Private home on dead end street, parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members may store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months containing club dates, past parties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accomodations for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmetologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Treat all ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter. With respect!!

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER GGA: Box 744, Branford, CT, 06405 Wendy J. Gwynne, Director

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND 45 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

New York

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Fem Fashions, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019 (212) 582-6823 Muriel Olive, Director

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB contact: Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736

Nature: Monthly dinner parties in a non-sexual atmosphere. A social gathering for crossdressers, transsexuals, their relatives & friends.

Services: Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Bring your own bottle. A $10 charge includes a hot meal. Limited space available for dressing. Reservations necessary, so enough food for all is available.

Security: A phone call to Kay will usually suffice. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated. All guests are expected to conduct themselves as ladies & gentlemen.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (SIECUS) SIECUS, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexually related issues, including gender expression.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties, but both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsors frequent parties and debutante balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56,Tappan NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY and Hartsdale NY

Nature: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offeriang counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender proablems. Private therapy sessions are held witha Garrett Oppenheim PhD FIC, thedirector, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1 1/2 hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

TV ENTERTAINERS c/o Alice Hess, PO Box 666, Albany NY 12201 518-463-7774 (ask for Wilma)

Nature: Non-sexual group offering friendship and support

BUTTERFLY Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760 Cheryl Anne C. Director

Nature: The Butterfly group is a non-profit, non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in cross-dressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends.

Services: We have social get-togethers, and a small network of professional and para-professionals, social workers, medical practitioners, beauty consultants, and clothing retailers who are interested and very helpful to us.

Security: Butterfly has no major security requirements, but we do require persons desiring to attend our meetings to be screened by our membership chairperson or other appointed member, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure understanding and compliance with our code of conduct.

EON, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual, social-/educational.

TRANSVESTITE/TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: J. Storm, Box 302, Buffalo, NY 14205

Nature: No additional information is available at this time.

New Jersey, Pennsylvania

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Ms Lynda Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence for over three years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER (GGA), c/o P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance

SUE HALL ENTERPRISES Box 74, Changewater, NJ 07831

Nature: For TV Swingers.

Services: Sue Hall publishes 'The Mini-Skirt News' (a newsletter for TV Swingers with a readership in excess of 1700), has in-house parties every Monday, and has a commercial boutique.

Security: No particular security requirements, but dangerous or irresponsible people are not welcome.

PHI CHAPTER (GGA), c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

TRANSPITT, Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15211 Johnnie D. Director

Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each odd numbered month. Referrals.

Security: Meeting with Club officer.

Mid Atlantic, Southeast

JANUS/DC: c/o Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011

Nature: Transsexual support

ACADEMY AWARDS c/o B.A. Lind, Box 11254 Lincolnia Station, Alexandria, VA 22312

Nature: Drag-Gay, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER: c/o N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

DELTA CHI CHAPTER: Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria, VA 22312

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

ADELPHI CHAPTER, GGA: P. Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall, VA 22115

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: c/o Mrs. J. Mongomery, PO Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033 (404) 321-5920

Nature: Strictly a support group for male and female pre- and post-op transsexuals. No fees.

Services: Referrals, rap sessions, and programs designed for the needs of the transsexual.

THE ELITE TV CO.: c/o Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362

SERENITY: c/o Nikki Bee, PO Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022

Midwest, Southcentral

PARADISE CLUB Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximately 90 members with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsors a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc. Paradise also sponsors informal socials during the months between regular meetings.

Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings, with concurrence of officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

GENESIS, PO Box 954, Elyria, OH 44036

CROSSROADS CHAPTER (President) c/o Crossroads Chapter, Box 1135, Pontiac, MI 48056-1135 (Newsletter) Grace Bacon, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind

of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great Lake area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): P.O. Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 Sharon Hart, President (312) 472-4518

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): c/o Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER (GGA): Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Windy City Chapter, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

WISCONSIN NETWORK The Network, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735 (3-9 p.m.)

Nature: The Newtork prefers to deal with people from a variety of life-styles (gay and bi- men and women, TVs, TSs, etc.) who are looking for long term relationships or help in developing relationships with others or with the family, friends, or other significant people in one's life.

Services: The Network includes a monthly newsletter, meetings monthly for gay men and women, bisexual men and women, and TVs and TSs. The Network also provides a monthly newsletter, social gatherings for special events, and a dating service.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE University of Minnesota Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, 412 Union Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 Sharon Satterfield, M.D.

Services: Details not available at this time.

GALVESTON PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES 2126 1/2 The Strand, Galveston, TX 77550 (713) 763-4522 Dr. Collier M. Cole

Services: Full range of psychotheraputic and medical services are provide, including hormone therapy and surgery. Counseling and/or referrals around legal issues, speech therapy and cosmetic concerns is also available.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER - GGA: Jaquiline Allen, c/o SAMC-GGA, Box 169672, San Antonio, Texas 78280-3272 Alice

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

Intermountain, Southwest

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. 3715 32nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80211 (303) 458-5378

Nature: G.I.C. is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community including medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, etc. G.I.C. also provides a Speaker's Bureau, and a 24 hour Hot-Line.

COMMIT P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO. 80206 (303) 297-9585

Nature: Commit is a comunity-based, service-focused organization made up exclusively of transgendered persons.

Services: Commit provides current literature concerning dender dysphoria, transsexualism, transvestism, etc. Commit also provides a sanctuary where one may explore his/her transgenderism without fear, non-professional and peer counseling, and information on medical, physchological and other professional services. Commit also provides a 24 hour hot-line.

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY Box 27795, Denver CO 80227

Nature: M.R.S. is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy. M.R.S. emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security of all. M.R.S. welcomes all mature and responsible people.

Services: M.R.S. publishes a newsletter, sponsors frequent social events, and provides information distribution for the inter-mountain area.

Security: Private interview with a qualified representative of the Mountain Rose Society.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84132 (801) 581-7951 Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD

Services: Details not available at this time.

SPECTRUM: P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix, AZ 85063

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual

California

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TRANSSEXUAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE (ACLU-TRC) ACLU-TRC, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (714)661-7332

Nature: Founded in May, 1980. Actively working to firmly establish your civil and human rights as a citizen.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego, CA 92109
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

SAN DIEGO/OCEANSIDE CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 213-456-6511
Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.
Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthy dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings), and sponsors educational programs for the public.
Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

ALPHA CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, TRI-ESS): c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275
Nature: See 'Society For The Second Self'

SCYROS CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Nature: Tri Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.
Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S.
Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

SHANGRI-LA CLUB Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Nature: Shangri-La is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers. Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.
Services: Shangri-La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events, a commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors two major events, the 5-day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), and June Shangri La (Southern California). Shangri-La has local chapters throughout the U.S.
Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803
Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.
Services: 'Renaissance Update' (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educational services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrals.
Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94088
JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexual. A $25.00 donation is requested.

ERICKSON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION P.O. Box 532, Ojai, CA 93023
EEF is primarily an information resource, and publishes the 'EEF Newsletter'. Additional information is not available at this time.

TS COUNSELING, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 387-6767 Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A. Director
Nature: TS Counseling is an organization operated by post-op transsexuals, who, as members of the health care profession offer peer counseling to end-stage, pre-op transsexuals - i.e., those persons approaching conversion surgery - and post-op transsexuals who may be having difficulty adjusting to their post-op situation.
Services: Peer counseling for TSs. Educational services to the public in general. Research into the field of transsexualism. Referrals to medical and psychiatric personnel.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-734-3773 after 6pm (PST)
Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.
Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.
Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meeting to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Box 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408) 734-3773 (after 6 PST)
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101
Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, TGs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intenede as a social and educational group, to meet and have a good time as well as help educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with approximately 165 members.
Services: ETVC publishes a bi-monthly newsletter ('The ETVC Newsletter'), provides a program of social and educational activities, and referrals.
Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to either list, except in response to judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento, CA 95838
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION (HBIGDA), 900 Welch Road #402, Stanford, CA 94304

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH, P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (415) 548-8283 Allanya Guenther, Executive Director
Nature: The Pacific Center is a private, non-profit agency funded by United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minority people of all races, ages, and backgrounds.
Services: Educational services and outreach into the community at large. Speaker's Bureau. Counseling. Group meetings. Hot line (415) 841-6224.

Northwest

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (GGA) Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.
Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

EMERALD CITY Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103
Nature: Non-sexual (sister chapter of Northwest Chapter)
Services: Frequent social functions
Security: Requirements not available at this time.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER 4604 Stone Way N., Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 328-3546
Nature: A non-profit organization servint the transsexual/transvestite community.
Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Works closely with the Seattle Counseling Service.

NORTH AMERICAN TRANSVESTITE-TRANSSEXUAL TELEPHONE CONTACT SERVICE 1017 B. East Pike St., Seattle, WA 98122 (206)624-8266 Executive Director Philip Salem
Nature: Then NA TV-TS Contact Service's primary function is to act as the world's only direct dating service for TVs, TSs and admirers. The Service has over 6200 contacts nationwide.
Services: The Contact Service provides a 24 hour hotline for TVs, TSs and admireres throughout the country. It also provides information gratis on plastic surgery, electrolysis, and hormone therapy.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR SEXUAL MINORITIES 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 329-8707
Services: Counseling service, special group for TVs and TSs.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 926-1000
Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

Canada

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G-2N1 514-352-7481
Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organizations with an open membership policy.
Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (The Garter Press), and has frequent social get-togethers.
Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

QUEBEC TRANSSEXUALS AID, INC. (A.T.Q. INC.): Viviane Audrey, Box 385, Mont-Royal, Quebec, Canada H3P-3C6 Nature: French speaking transsexual support.
Services: Meetings, medical referrals, etc.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W-1P4
Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).
Services: To provide research and information relevant to the 1F-M TS, to raise funds for research, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, para-professional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: FACT is a non-profit support organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends of transsexuals, professionals and para-professionals working in th field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Publishes 'Gender Review', a periodical news sheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representataives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings. Chapters include:

South Central Ontario, c/o Miss Robin Marie Schwartzentruber, P.O. Box 1842, Station 'C', Kitchener, Ontario, N3G-4R3 576-5248

Eastern Ontario, Ottawa Valley, c/o Miss Nicole Boivin, P.O. Box 523, Gatineau, Quebec, J8P-7A1

Niagra Peninsula, c/o Miss Susan Huxford, P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario, L8N-3C8 529-7884

Montreal & Quebec Province, c/o Ms Patricia G.S. Fisher, C.P. 293, Succ. Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec, H3S 2S6

FACT Toronto, c/o 519 Church St. Community Centre, 519 Church St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2C9

Toronto Chapter, (Members Only) Frankie Andresen, Secretary, PO Box97, Lefroy, Ontario LOL 1WO

Atlantic Region U.S.A., Ms Rachia Heyelman, PO Box 25, South Orleans, MA 02662

Pacific Region U.S.A., TS Counseling, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109

Western New York Region, Occupant, PO Box 314, Buffalo, NY 14223

Security: No screening for members or subscribers to 'Gender Review'. Meetings of FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagra meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling is requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education by articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and simulation exercises.

Security: At present screening is required for initial personal counselling, as this is done at home and not in an office. An introduction from a known trustworthy source is required or a personal encounter in a public place (usually a public library). GENDERSERVE is selective in the publications with which it relates.

Foreign

BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bimonthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations world-wide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

TV/TS GROUP: Yvonne Sinclair, The TV/TS Group, 274 Upper Street, Islington, London England N.1 01-359-4868 (8-10 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun.)

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual. Additional information not available at this time.

Services: Social activities, publishes 'The Glad Rag'.

FRIENDS MERSEYSIDE 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, England L1 4DE 051-708-0234

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS (SHAFT): 46 Liddell Way, So th Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5 9UX

Nature: Details are unavailable at this time.

TRANS-CCL Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRAS-CCL, 3 Bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France Tel.(1) 226.70.48 (Rev. Douce speaks English)

Nature: TRANS-CCL is a non-profit social organization for sexual minorities, non-political, with Christian foundation, but also open to people with other convictions. We have a large section for transsexuals and transvestite, probably the largest one in Europe (about 500 contacts). We can provide legal, medical, psychological, pastoral and surgical helf for transsexuals. We organize meetings, meals, etc... We have a large documentation on transsexuality. We can also provide all information available in Europe.

Services: A telephone help-line Mondays from 8p.m. to 10p.m. at (1) 627-4936.

Meetings. Meals. Legal, medical, psychological and pastoral literature, and advisors.

FEMME TRAVESTIE 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

F.P.E. NORTHERN EUROPE: M.A. Postboks 192 DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (Do not put F.P.E. on envelope)

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant Trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney, 2000, Australia

Nature: Seahorse Club is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. Membership of approximately 150, welcomes new members, overseas visitors and offers support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. Affiliated with the Beaumont Society of England.

services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, being femme bymeans of a monthly newsletter to members and publishes the magazine "Feminique" on a regular basis. Meetings are held in sydney on the last Friday of each month (except December, when the meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday). Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, etc.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of the meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members require screening in the same way and overseas visitors need to be either screened or have necessary accreditation from a similar organization (e.g. Beaumont Society, Tiffany's).

SEAHORSE VICTORIA: c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, 3001 Australia

Nature: See 'Seahorse Club'. The longest running TV organization in Australia.

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"Tiffany Club,"
P.O. Box 19
Wayland, MA 01778.

AMANDA J (Central CT)
Member Tri Ess, GGA
MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, old cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and proper when dressed. Prefer one-on-one situations rather than large gatherings.
Amanda J (CT-0290)

SUSAN C. HUXFORD (Ontario CAN)
Information distribution Canada
Executive Director FACT, Director GenderServe Counselling, Research and Educational Seravices.
Member SSSS, ABIGCA
TS (post-op), old enough to have retired, 6', talkative, didactic and may prove intimidating. Interested in interpersonal relationships, serious music, choral music (participation), trying not to be overworked.
Susan C. Huxford, c/o Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 (416) 529-7884

JUDY LEIGH S (Northeast MA)
Tiffany General Member
Married TV, 45, 5'4, pleasant, shy. I enjoy all sports & travel & dance music, plus just having a good time with good friends. I like to get dressed & go for rides to visit other friends.
Judy S. c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

ALICE J. MILLARD (Florida [winter], North Central NY [summer])
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Alice J. Millard, Box 2355, Pensacola, FL 32513 (Nov - Apr), Box 264, Cooperstown, NY 13326 (May - Oct)

HOLLY CROSS (East/Central MA)
Tiffany Keyholder member
Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend, Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend
SWM TV, 60, size 22 tall. Is a radio ham, and classical music buff. Enjoys cooking (not well), sewing, snorkeling, walking the dog, and chasing clothing markdowns. "I'm looking for friends to meet when I'm in Orange County CA. I'd also be glad to talk by phone."
Holly Cross, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (NH)
Executive Sectretary Tiffany Club, Managing Director Tapestry
SWM TV, 42, 6', 200, BA philosophy, athletically oriented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL (bridge) life master. A caring person, sincerely interested in the well-being of others.
Interests: Singing, bridge, skiing, the wilderness, the flowers, and listening to the birds sing. Also interested in philosophy.
"I'm sorry but I cannot respond to personal correspondence. However, I'm very interested in hearing from people who would like to become 'leaders', and are willing to put out some effort on behalf of the TV/TS Community. So, if you are a leader-type person and willing to put out some effort to help others, write to me, or better, give me a call."
Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

KAREN V (Northern NJ)
Tiffany General Member
SWM hetero TV, 38, 5'8, 155, good personality and sense of humor. Adventouress. "A classical music nut, Ialso enjoy card & word games, karate (black belt),skiing, and gourmet food. I would like to meet women who share some of these interests and are open minded about the cross dressing scene.
Karen V (NJ-0347)

JANICE HEUKLOM (S.E. MA))
Member: Tri Ess
Participant Fantasia Fair
59, 5'6, 150, divorced. Enjoys country music, movies and nice restaurants. Wants to meet other TVs to assist her in understanding herself.
Janice H (MA-0254)

SHERRY LORRAINE (Eastern MA)
Tiffany Keyholder member
Participant: Tiffany's Spring Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing '83
WM, 38, red hair, blue eyes, 5'9 in heels, fair complexion and an easy going personality. Enjoys motorcycle touring, skiing, computers, walks along the ocean, and dancing. "I enjoy passing in public, making new friends, traveling, shopping and girl to girl chants on makeup, dress and mannerisms."
Sherry Lorraine, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

Merissa Sherrill Lynn (NH-0001)

Naomi O. (IL-0257)

DEE SMITH (Maryland)
DWM hetero TV, 50, 5'10", caring, considerate, happy with life, and likes people. Enjoys boating, limited night life, and occasionally a meal in plush surroundings.
"In my work I spend a lot of time by my self so I do a lot of reading, am self-disciplined enough to accept myself as I am - but adventurous and can accept challenges."
Dee Smith (MD-0516)

Charlene B. (CA-0586)

ESTHER LOUISE R. (Washington)
Member: GGA
Participant DREAM '83
Hetero TV, 74, and can get along with anybody who isn't a liar or a thief. Interested is social contacts, radio maintainance, flying (ex-pilot), music (plays the organ), and cooking.
"Christoper Morley once said, 'There is only one success -- to spend your life in your own way.' That is what I would like. To spend my life in my own way."
L.E. Randle (WA-0285)

PAT S. (Philadelphia, PA)
Member: GGA
5'-11 1/2", 230, Cau., extrovert & good sense of humor. Interested in reading, chess, swimming, writing, communications, an exchanging of ideas, customs, etc.
"I am interested in building a foundation of companionship and trust, a friendship of togetherness in mind, body and spirit and expression, blanketed with understanding and appreciation."
Pat S. (PA-0509)

WINNIE BRANT (Northern NY)
Member: Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair, DREAM, Tiffany's P-town Outing
Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair
Hetero TV, 52, 6'2, a lady. Have many interest, scientific and culturally oriented. Love to travel.
Mr Winton Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301

SHARON MC. (Southeast MA)
Tiffany Club General Member
Participant, Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 30, 5'6", 140. Enjoys everything feminine.
"I'm shy but trying to be more open, especially with my cross-dressing. I'm a non-drinker. I'm looking for the help and support of the TV/TS Community to better understand myself, and would like to meet other TVs & TSs and women for shopping, travel, photos and fun."
Sharon Mc. (MA-0504)

Dee Dee W. (CT-0002)

MELISSA S. (Southeast MA)
MWM, 6'2", good looking, well proportioned, 37, educated. Love sheer lingerie, high heels and just being a woman. "I seek correspondence and/or meeting with understanding females who can assist me with make-up,-clothes selection, any basic support, etc., during my new transition."
Melissa S (MA-0506)

CONNIE RANE (Western PA)
Member: GGA, TransPitt
SWM TV, 5'-8", 155, 34, brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys skiing, back packing, & country music.
"Am very interested in corresponding with and meeting other crossdressers, especially in the Pittsburg area."
Connie Rane, Box 465, Indiana, PA 15701

BARBARA MILES (Eastern MA)
WM, TS, 6'2", 35, attractive. Enjoys fashion, skiing, being a total woman. "I would like to meet other TVs or TSs on a one to one basis to share mutual interests, and love of the female side of me.
Barbara Miles, Box 68, Needham, MA 02192

MARY LOU H (Western Canada)
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Joyce Dewhursts's Poconos Weekend
Member Tri Ess
Hetero TV, 5'8, SWM 60, size 12. Professional musician and composer, loves nature, concerts, drama, museums, travelling. Stylish dresser, good fashion taste, has makeup troubles. Will meet fine TVs and understanding girls/ladies. "I need only make-up training."
Mary Lou H (CAN-0440)

LEE ARSNAL (Central ME)
Member Albany TVIC
MWM 5'10, 175. Enjoys jogging, skiing, hunting, fishing, motorcycles, and also indoor sports. Wants to learn more about being a woman. Would love to correspond with others who share her interests. Will answer all.
Lee Arsnal (ME-0247)

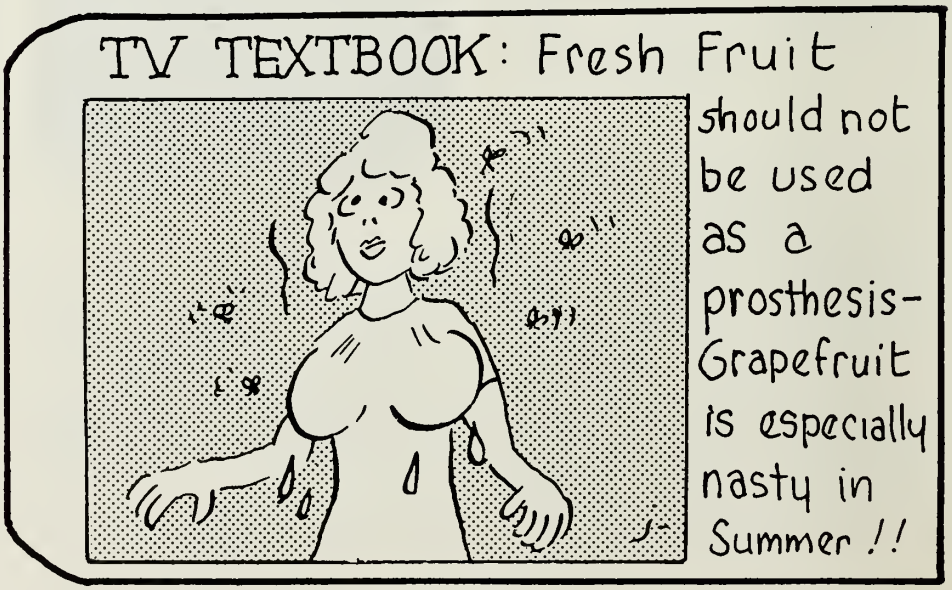
AUDREY M (Eastern MA)
Secretary, Mayflower Society
MWM bi-TV, 50, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6.
Neil Moses, Sec. Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134

DEE DEE W (Hartford CT)
I'd like the girls at Tiffany
Who like to write,
To write to me.
A photograph, a kindly note
Will make me say,
"I'm glad she wrote."
Dee Dee W (CT-0002)

CAROLYN COOPER (Georgia)
WM TV, 28, 180. Interested in correspondence with other TVs to echange views and information.
"I have been dressing since I was 8, but am just finding out about the TV scene now. I'm still a closet Tv but hopeto meet others to help me out."
Carolyn Cooper (GA-0513)

Holly Cross (MA-0379)

HELEN T (Southern NH)
Tiffany Keyholder Member
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
MWM TV, 46, 5'11. Recently out of the closet. Hope to make social contacts in the TV Community.
Helen T, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778



Kay Gould (CA-0323)

BARBARA N. (Western NY)
35, married, 5'11", 165, brown hair & eyes; some electrlysis, no hormones. Enjoys shopping for clothes/shoes, movies, listening to music.
"I've been crossdressing for 25 years, but have very little contact with other TV-TSs. I'm not passable yet, butwith encouragement and practice I will be. I'm interested in meeting other married TVs to share exciting times wtih crossdressing. I have an extensive wardrobe that I would love to share."
Occupant, P.O. Box 1803, Rochester, NY 14603

BELLE D. (Northeast MA)
Artist. Does not "pass", but integrates feminine ways into life. would identify with isolation feelings. Interested in matters of social concern, visual, and culinary pursuits. Would be willing to correspond with totally honest, candid persons.
Belle D. (MA-0237)

CAROLYN JENNINGS (Boston MA)
SWM hetero TV, 32, 6', attractive, sensitive, perfectionist. Interested in music, travelling, women's shoes, and beautiful legs.
"I enjoy going out on the town, and being with women. I would like to meet other TVs, especially those that have a fetish for shoes."
Carolyn Jennings (MA-0541)

MEREDITH W. (New Jersey)
SWM, bi-TV, 27. Tends to be shy. Interested in chess, history, astronomy, archaeology, card games, candlelite dinners, and long walks on the beach. Also interested in hearing from any TV or TS (especially TVs my own age) for mutual help, support, and friendship.
"I tend to be self-conscious, and mistrustful of others. Even so, I try to listen, and help if I can. I think what I need is proof that there are others such as myself. Will answer all promptly."
Meredith W. (NJ-0519)

JAIME R. (Rhode Island)
Member: Halcyon Society
TV (possibly TS), 5'10", 145, brown eyes and hair. Enjoys rock & roll and country music, gardening, and fishing.
"I would like to make friends with other TVs and TSs, and learn more about my femme side."
Jaime R. (RI-0300)

SUSAN A. (Southeast MA)
Participant: Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 37, 5'7", 150. Has been crossdressing and loving it for twenty years now. Considered passable and attractive. Loves collecting and wearing all kinds of feminine clothing, especially lingerie.
"I would enjoy corresponding with and meeting other TVs with similar interests. Please write!"
Susan A. (MA-0064)

Kelly Ann S. (WI-0527)

KELLY ANN S. (Wisconsin)
Member: Wisconsin TV Network
Tall, attractive TV, dark hair, green eyes, long legs. Owns 'Van James Photography'. Interests include photography, makeup, stand up comedy and community theatre.
"I am a professional portrait photographer specializing in feminine glamour. I love the sophisticated feminine look. All my efforts as a TV go into passing. I love nylons & heels. I'm seeking friendship and idea sharing with other TVs, TSs, & GGs.
Kelly Ann Schoonover, Box 811, Waukesha, WI 53187-0811

KAY GOULD (Northern CA)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Paradise Club
Attractive and outgoing. Loves the femme life, and loves to date and travel to many cities where she appreciates escorts and company. Very accomplished, and frequently travels dressed. Enjoys high fashion, good music, and paraculture friends. Writes a monthly column called 'Kay's Way' for a TV newspaper, and generally has a positive view of TVs.
Kay Gould, c/o Kay's Way, Box 255, Sacramento, CA 95802

IRIS HANNA (Southeast PA)
Member: GGA (Phi Chapter)
Participant: Fantasia Fair '83
6', 150, Size 12. Interested in architecture, boating, fine crystal, porcelain, & other objects of beauty. Also enjoys dancing and listening to music.
"I prefer the feminine side of my personality. I'm straight forward, and like the finer things in life. Although I'm outgoing, I tend to be on the quieter side."
Iris H. (PA-0522)

TRACY ANN WOOLDRIDGE (Chicago IL)
Member: Windy City Chapter GGA
Participant: Tiffany's Holiday Outing
Ex-professional impersonator (a little bit crazy), 5'7", 165, great legs! Enjoys dancing, music, passing in public, reading, and making and meeting friends.
Tracy W (IL-0531)

KAREN K (New Jersey)
Member: Delta Chi Mu Chapter Tri-Ess, GGA
SWM hetro TV, 41, 5'9", 182. Pleasant personality who enjoys meeting people. Interested in photography, camping & hiking, running, all sports, good instrumental music, reading, & stamp collecting.
"I enjoy writing and meeting with sisters. I also travel a great deal. I also enjoy going out dressed, but I'm careful."
Karen K (NJ-0322)

JOAN V. (Boston, MA)
"I would like to dress more, and meet someone with whom I could dress (preferably in the Boston area). I'm told I'm good looking. Please contact me.
Joan V. (MA-0152)

Donna W. (NH-0515)

JACKIE MCDONALD (Southern NH)
Member: Tiffany General Member
Participant: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend, Tiffany's P-town Outing
WM crossdresser, 40ish, 6'1", 180, reasonably attractive.
Interests: Swimming, needlework, woodwork, micro computers. Loves shopping, long walks & Koffee Klatching. Also, is very interested in helping people.
"I reside in southern NH, & would like to meet individuals with similar interests."
Jackie McDonald, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

JOAN MARIE GREY (Los Angeles CA)
Member: Tri Ess, GGA, Shangri-La, Outreach Institute
49 year old part time TV, 5'11, 180. Interested in being a woman, enjoys the theater, books, cooking, and model railroading.
"I wish to be able to dress more often and to go to TV functions."
Joan Grey (CA-0532)

DONNA WALLACE (Southern NH)
Tiffany General Member
6'2, MWM TV, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion. "I'm interested in improving my female transformation through fashion, make-up & mannerisms. I enjoy all sports, music, and motorcycles. I'm just coming out, and seek discreet contacts only. Will respond to all letters A.S.A.P."
Donna Wallace, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

ROI A. (New Jersey)
Member: GGA
Black, 35, 6'5", 200. Interested in the outdoors, flowers, old cars, and becoming more feminine.
"I would very much like to meet friends, to be me, and live happily ever after."
Roi A. (NJ-0550)

PAULA A. (Southeast, New York)
MWM closet TV (approx 35 yrs), 55, 5'9", 170, medium build, conservative in dress and manner. Non-smoker. Enjoys carpentry, photography, writing, shopping, and dining fully dressed.
Paula A (NY-0534)

JULIE COOK (Eastern MA)
SWM, 36, 5'9", 150, brown hair & eyes. Interested in transvestite activities, camping, movies, some rock concerts.
"I would like to meet a male or female for understanding friendship,. or long term relationship."
Julie C (MA-0535)

EVELYN BORDON (Kansas)
Member: GGA, Tri-Ess
Tall, sensitive TV in mid 30's trying hard to pass really well, sensitive and require discretion, go slow approach. Interests: Finding friendly shops, going out dressed with a genuine lady to accompany me. Also interested in exploring new areas of cross-dressing.
"Would like to explore electrolysis and hormones. Would also like to see an article on artificial nails, application, sources, etc. Would like to get more information on transgender lifestyle and more interest in my local area."
Evelyn Bordon (KS-04044)

DANIELLE M (Southern CA)
SWM TV, 37, 5'9", 150, attractive, discrete and very sincere.
Interests: Music, professional photography, high heels & corsetry, and exploration of the feminine mystique.
"I enjoy friendships with other TVs/TSs through correspondence and meetings/photo exchange. I enjoy helping others with their makeup, photography & femme image."
Danielle, c/o John Moran Photography, P.O. Box 1108, So. Pasadena, CA 91030

Cheryl McBride (NY-0350)

Josephine Lopez (LA-0345)

CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (Northern NY)
Information Distribution for Northern NY
Member: GGA
MWM, 33, 5'7", 145. Interests: X-C skiing, photography, carping, dancing (top 40 & ballroom), lively parties & meeting people.
"I'm comfortable & passable in most public situations. I'm very interested in helping others, & public education about our culture. I'm a good & open listener, and want to make more friends near Albany to go out dressed with.
Cheryl A. McBride, Box 6047, Albany, NY 12206

VICTORIA RICHARDS (NC)
WM, 26,, 6'. Very sincere, honest person, affectionate and caring of other people.
Interests: Photography, painting, music, all outdoor sports. Loves to go shopping.
"I would very much like to attend Crossdressers Outings in the future. I would also like to meet other TV/TSs in my area."
Victoria Richards (NC-0552)

SARAH-ANNE DENTON (FL)
Life-time TV, 70 (retired), 5'6", 163, light brown hair.
Interests: Antiques, flea markets, model RR, reading and traveling.
Will answer all.
Sarah-Anne Denton, P.O. Box 8931, Naples, FL 33941

JOSEPHINE LOPEZ (Louisiana)
5'5", 140, Hispanic. Interests: Running, tennis. Loves everything feminine, especially high heels & dresses.
"I would love to have TV-TS friends to get together with for ladies talk."
Josephine Lopez, Box 51214, New Orleans, LA 70151

BARBARA FARMER (Boston MA)
Participant: Susanna Valenti's NY Weekends
WM, mid-forties, very tall.
Interests: Photography, video, TV fiction, model railroad collector.
"I would like to meet friends for shared interests, companionship, fiction exchange, and pleasant dinners. No Drugs!"
Barbara Farmer (MA-0557)

TERRI J (Eastern MA)
M-F TS (post-op), 30, 5'8", brown hair, brown eyes, shy, self-conscious, and would like to meet and make friends with other TSs, TVs, and females who can help me to improve my mannerisms and makeup skills and go out in public dressed. Interested in wood working, movies, swimming, bowling, music, dressing, drives in the country and I have a good sense of humor. So if you're not doing anything, let's get together.
Terri J (MA-0430)

TERENCE S (Rhode Island)
F-M TS, 18, 5'2, blonde hair, blue eyes, very shy.
Interests: Music, dancing, sailing, skiing.
"I would like to hear from other TSs and TVs, and would especially like to correspond with another TS."
Terence S (RI-0564)

BARBARA SHERWOOD (Delaware)
Member: GGA Phi Chapter, Tri Ess
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
DWM, 40's, tall & slender, good appearance. Have been told I have great legs! Enjoy high fashion, cooking, reading, travel.
"I love correspondence with other sisters, meetings when possible."
Barbara Sherwood, P.O. Box 315, Milford, DE 19963

JENNIFER S (So. Central ME)
Participant: Fantasia Fair
MWM, 6'1", can wear size 16, dresses conservatively.
Interests: Music, and winter sports.

"I like to be as feminine as possible. I'm interested in possibly meeting other TVs in south central Maine for dressing and improving feminine image."
Jennifer S (ME-0021)

Barbara B. (NY-0258)

BARBARA B (Long Island, NY)
Member: NYC GGA
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekends
MWM TV, 44, 5'10", slim. Likes to be helpful, is thoughtful, courteous, honest & discreet. Values trustworthiness & dependability. Enjoys classic fashions, all kinds of music, dancing, parties, & pen pals. Loves women & all things feminine.
"I would enjoy meeting and writing to other sensible sisters."
Barbara B (NY-0258)

MELODY SUMMERS (Eastern MA)
SWM TV, 31 (looks 24), 5'6", 128. Attractive, educated, and easy-going. Folksinger.
Interests include nature, nude beaches, real people, fashion, etc.
"I especially love shopping in my miniskirts. Would like to meet other girls of similar age, appearance, and interests."
Melody Summers (MA-0546)

ANGELIQUE G. BRUMMELL (S. CA.)
Angie describes herself as strong, pretty/handsome, graceful, morally strong, and honest. Interested in ballet and jazzercise, and obtaining information on transvestism, transsexualism and bondage.
Angelique B. (CA-0578)

TERRI K (New York City, NY)
Young, interesting, dynamic, amateur TV.
Interests: Meeting other young discreet TVs who can help me realize my feminine side through clothing and make-up.
Terri K (NY-0554)

Janice R. (TX-0567)

JANICE HILARY (Texas)
MWM lifelong TV. mid 50s, 5'9", 165 (and losing). "I'm a rather shy and reserved lady who passes well and really enjoys wearing tastefull fashions appropriate to my age at every opportunity. My many interests include cooking, travle, music (listening to classical, play sax in concert band) auto sports, photography (I'm a former pro) and most of all, jkust being janice. I'm not a great correspondant but will promise to try very hard to make timelyreplies to any letters. I would also appreciate your photo if you have one."
Janice H (TX-0567)

SUSAN M. (Ontario Canada)
MWM bi-TV, 5'11", 158. Enjoys dance music, reading, writing letters, and lingerie.
"I would like to learn more about being a woman and would love to correspond with others who share her interests. Will answer all."
Susan M (CAN-0510)

CONNIE N. (Western NY)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Crossroads Chapter, Paradise Club, Beaumont Society
MWM TV, 5'5", 123. A plain, ordinary, dull hetero-male crossdresser, with a very supportive wife. Likes clean cut, attractive clothes and pretty heels. Loves to correspond and exchange photos and general chit-chat. All letters promptly answered.
C.M. Nichols, Box 0734, Jamestown, NY 14702

VIKI MC. (Eastern MA)
Bi TV, 37, 5'10", 180. Enjoys fashion, movies, dancing, quiet romantic evenings.
"I'd like to meet experienced TVs with similar interests to help bring me out."
Viki Mc (MA-0580)

Johnnie D. (PA-0448)

JOHNNIE D (Pittsburg, PA)
Member: Paradise Club, Transpitt
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing, Paradise Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
MWM, 36, 5'5". Passes very well (has spent an entire weekend dressed in NYC with no problems). Loves travel, shopping, dressing, theater, music, and dancing.
"I am beginning a group in Pittsburgh. Any TV in the Tri-State area can contact me for information through Tiffany."
Johnnie D. (PA-0448)

Pamela Van Buren (NY-0253)

PAM VAN BUREN (Northern NY)
Participant: Fantasia Fair '81, '82, '83, '84

TV, 32, 5'8", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, quiet, caring and good humored.

Enjoys skiing, sailing, making clothes, playing music, and being a woman as often as possible. Passes well and enjoys going out dressed.

"I'm interested in meeting and corresponding with people throughout the country, and especially in the Eastern New York - Western Massachusetts area."

Pam Van Buren (NY-0253)

KIM STEVENS (Illinois)
Member: GGA

Hetero SWM, 36, 6', 160, attractive, stylish, pleasant, & sincere.

Interested in all things feminine, make-up, high heels, & lingerie. Also, Photography, home computing, and flying (pilot).

"I'm interested in contacting pretty TVs, TSs, and women. I'm willing to share with and learn from others. Please include photo. Will answer all."

Kim Stevens, Box 817, Oak Lawn, IL 60454

JENNIFER BARTON (Boston, MA)
MWM, 6'4", 205, brown hair, blue eyes, sensitive, caring.

Enjoys Biking, music, video, basketball, some tennis, feeling & looking beautiful (hopefully).

"I would like to meet someone in the Boston area who is interested in fashion and could he p me with clothes, makeup, etc (TV, TS, or F). I will answer all mail."

Ms Jennifer Barton, Box 622, Allston Sta., Allston, MA 02134

JENNIFER O. (Minnisota)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

SWM hetero TV, 37, 6'2", 37, 175. Better than average looking, well adjusted, professionally employed. Enjoys cross-dressing, playing the organ and piano, taking care of my dog, and playing racquetball.

"I hope to start a social group in Minneapolis-St Paul. I have a wonderful girlfriend who enjoys my cross-dressing, and is a Tapestry subscriber."

Jennifer O. (MN-0570)

MICHELLE H. (Boston, MA)

WM TV/TS, 27, 5'9", 145. Attractive and passes well in public.

"My intersts are films, theatre, travel, all kinds of music, fashi ns, politics and all feminine things. I lead a very busy and full life and want to meet other TV/TSs who are positive people and enjoy their femininity. I am very understanding, caring, sensitive and supportive. Will answer all replies. Please write if you are sincere."

Michelle H. (MA-0576)

JEAN DANE (Virginia)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Outreach Institute, Better Living Institute
Participant: Fantasia Weekend (Wash. DC)

MWM, 5'11", 145. Can pass as a middle-aged woman. Enjoys travel, parties, meeting people, shopping, and going to restaurants while dressed. Have recently begun to spread my wings, after a long period in the closet. Would like to contact and meet with other TV/TSs, especially in the Washington DC area.

Ms Jean Dane, Box 15401, Arlington, VA 22215

Julie Lewis (CA-0588)

Laura C. (CA-0480)

JULIE LEWIS (CA)
Hetero TV, 6'1", 210, 33. College educated. Enjoys skiing, biking, tennis, & outdoors, esp. the mountains. Loves photography.
"Though only newly 'out' I'm willing to lend a hand or an ear to any in the AZ area needing such."
Julie Lewis, c/o Box 508, San Marcos, CA 92069

CINDY V. (Hartford, CT)
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA, Crossroads, Chi Delta Mu, TAMs
SWM hetero TV, 28, 5'8", 140. Enjoys Photography, crafts, music - most types, deserted beaches are fun, enjoys making friends.
"I would like to exchange letters & photos with other TVs, and meet when possible. Will answer all letters. Also interested in hearing from women who are interested in transgenderists as friends, share ideas, feelings, etc."
Cindy V. (CT-0381)

RHONDA SOELLNER (Indiana)
Participant: 'Be All You Can Be Weekend'
44 (but looks 34), 5'11", 185. Dark brown hair, brown eyes, med complexion.
Enjoys sports, outdoors, dancing, parties, photography, trips, cards, movies, clubs.
"I am new to the scene as an open TV. Was in the closet for 30 years."
Rhonda Sollner, Box 4882, Evansville, IN 47711

TAMMY ELIZABETH FOSS (Eastern MA)
Member: GGA
M-F TS, 5'3, 120, brown hair, hazel eyes. Passable, sensitive, loves music (from rock and roll to Bach).
Enjoys playing guitar, electronics, cooking, sewing, reading novels. Also enjoys movies, window shopping, quiet walks along the beach.
"I would like to correspond with other M-F TSs. Will answer all correspondence."
Tammy Foss (MA-0589)

KATHRYN GREALY (Southeast MA.)
MWM, 42, 5'9", 120, shy.
Enjoys embroidery and gardening. Would like to know how to sew & knit.
"I would like to meet a person on the South Shore (MA.) who can offer help & support in dress, make-up, & poise. I spend much time traveling the U.S.A.
Kathryn A. Grealy, Box 764, Bryantville, MA 02327

JANET LOUISE B. (S.E. MA., R.I.)
Secretary, Halcyon Society of RI
Member: Halcyon Society
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM, TV, 33, 5'11", in stocking'ed feet. Conservative in dress & deed. Enjoys music, photography, computers.
"Our name 'Halcyon' implies our wishes for peace, happiness and prosperity for all our friends. Halcyon days indeed! Won't you come and join us?"
Janet B., c/o Halcyon Society, Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

NAOMI O. (Chicago, IL)
Member: Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Crossroads, Paradise Club, Outreach Institute
Participant: Fantasia Fair '80-'84, Chi Chapter Holland Weekend, 'Be All You Want To Be' Weekend
Awards: 'Miss Fantasia Fair '83', F/F 'Miss Congeniality '80 & '81'
A Chicago area attorney who loves the better things in life. Is personable and understanding. Enjoys travel, photography, food (still can't stand beets or brussel sprouts), and fashion & jewelry (it's the gypsy in my soul). Active in mid-west cross-dressing activities, and has appeared as a panelist on the David Susskind Show.
Naomi O. (IL-0257)

Linda Jensen (CAN-0442)

LINDA JENSEN (Ontario, Canada)
Member: Gateway Gender Alliance, Transvestites Au Montreal, Beaumont Society
Hetero MWM TV, mid 30's.
Enjoys sports, cross-dressing, and dancing.
"My job and family responsibilities give me few chances to dress, so when I do, I do it with vigour. I can travel several times a year, and have been in drag in some of the world's great cities (including Boston)."
Linda Jensen, Box 15855 Sta. F, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1C-3S7

Terri Scott (MI-0476)

TERRI SCOTT (Michigan)
Member: Crossroads
Attractive, very feminine, out going, friendly, intelligent lady. Enjoys writing and corresponding with others of a feminine nature. Also enjoys fashions and a female lifestyle.
"I desire to continue developing my female self and to experience everything in life as a woman."
Terri Scott, Box 728, Birmingham, MI 48012

CAMILE MC. (Southeast NY)
Member: Tiffany General Member, Chi Delta Mu Chapter - Tri Ess
Hetero cross-dresser, 71, 5'10", 164, methodist, widower. Honest, & security conscious. Doesn't drink, smoke or gamble, loves & enjoys people, and lives by the old-fashioned 'golden rule' and a strict moral code.
Enjoys cross-dressing, & repairing things around the house. Loves C&W music, writes music & plays various instruments. Taught drumming.
"I'm just out of the closet and I love it. I'm a widower for 6 years, and would love to meet a nice woman who will accept me part time en femme, or better as 'sister companion', and sometimes as male companion."
C.A.M. Mc., Box 207, Pelham, NY 10803

CHARLENE B. (Northern CA)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess
5'8", 145, occasionally passible. Enjoys hugs, people, singing, acting, quiet music, cooking, fixing things.
"I'm a people person, warm, caringing, honest and non-judgemental. I'm interested in going out with other cross-dressers, and will answer all."
Clancy Byrd (CA-0586)95126

RITA F. (Southern CA)
Member: Windy City Chapter - GGA, Paradise Club
Participant: Shangri-La, 'Be All You Can Be' Weekend
Open minded, loves all things feminine, especially high heels and nylons. Also enjoys fishing, engine building, art, music.
"I travel extensively, and would like to meet others interested in being fem."
Rita F. (CA-0600)

Valarie V. (MA-0273)

VALERIE VINCENT (Boston, MA)
MWM TV, 5'10", 150. Wears fingernails over 1" long, has picture album, makes convincingly attractive TV. Loves to dress up and have pictures of self taken. Is interested in breaking into female ipersonation and would love to model clothes, makeup, etc. Will swap pictures with other TVs.
Valerie V. (MA-0276) c/o Tiffany

PAULA KAY (Northern NH)
32, 6', 170, brown hair, hazel eyes.
Enjoys warm weather fishing, hunting, camping, the ocean, sexy lingerie, and getting out of the closet.
"I am down to earth, easy to get along with, and quiet. I am possibly bi, feminine when dressed, and want to meet other TVs for dressing together. Would also like to meet females and couples.
Paula Kay (NH-0596)

SANDRA F. (Long Island, NY)
Member: GGA
Mid-op TS, 5'8", 170, early 60's, half whit/half dark hair, brown eyes.
Enjoys talking with people. Is heavily involved with archery - Olympic style competition (previously head of state association), and CC of Explorer Post.
Sandra F., Box 7301-A, Hicksville, NY 11801

SYLVIA C. (Southeast MA)
Member: Tri-Ess
6'2", grey hair, blue eyes, passable at times. Very serious about cross-dressing. Interested in meeting other TVs ("Hope my schedule will permit more in the future").
"I enjoy being a well-dressed girl, lingerie, nylons, high heels, etc. Would enjoy contacts in the Brockton MA area."
Sylvia C. (MA-0189)

SIOBHAN DONOVAN (SE MA)
Member: Tiffany General Member
MWM, 34, 6'2", 240, life long cross-dresser. Enjoys C.B., computers, graphic arts, sewing, cooking, and of course cross-dressing.
Siobhan Donovan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

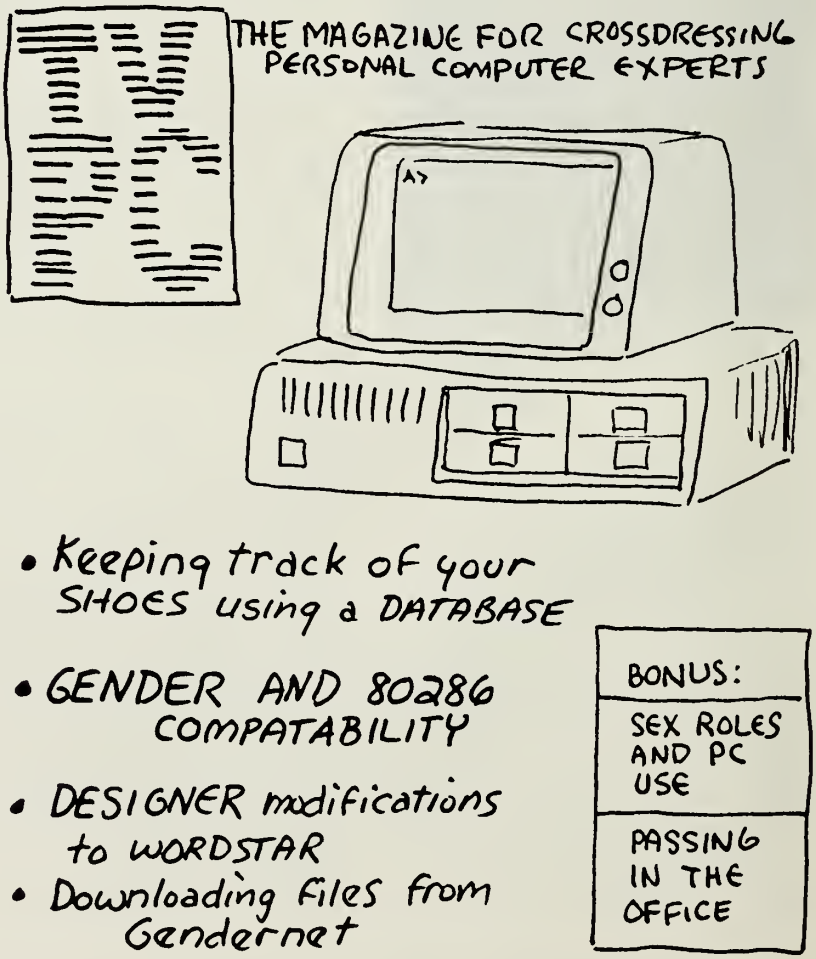
JENNIFER BOISSEAU (Central MA)
Member: Tri Ess
Participant: Lee Brewster's P-town Outing
5'6", 115, medium length black hair, passes easily.
Enjoys cooking, bowling, needle point, dancing as a girl, movies, and TV books.
"The body can't be whole unless the femme self is expressed."
Ms Jennifer A. Boisseau, Box 553, Holden, MA 01520

RITA MELISSA HAMILTON (Boston MA)
WM hetero TV, 33, 6' 140, attractive, sincere, sensitive & adventurous.
Interested in science, music, dance, crossdressing, and having fun in high heels.
"I like going places cross-dressed, where fun & interesting things are happening. I'd also like to meet people who are interested in the same."
Rita H (MA-0621)

NANCY S. (Louisiana)
Member: GGA, Shangri-La
Participant: Shangri-La
Single, 30, 5'7", 135, size 11, brunette, blue eyes, can pass.
Enjoys music, photography, travel, dancing, fashion, shopping and going out for fun.
"I would like to meet or correspond with other TV/TS sisters, ladies, or others interested in the various aspects of TV/TSism. I enjoy the feminine side of life and desire to participate in functions which promote self improvement."
Nancy, c/o Box 80622, Baton Rouge, LA 70898

MARWAN McKENZIE (Georgia)
F-M pre-op TS, 5'10", 140, 23, black hair, brown eyes.
Loves music! Enjoys reading, and sports. Loves Music, dancing, meeting people, and receiving letters.
"I'm the type that gets along with most everyone, and love fun and laughter. I will correspond with anyone, and especially hope to meet people in Georgia, or surrounding states."
Marwan McKenzie, 241 Troy St, Apt 9, Atlanta, GA 30314

DIANA LALINDE (Northern NJ)
Member: Tri Ess, GGA
Participant: Lee Brewster's P-town Outing
Hetero crossdresser, 5'6", 145, hispanic.
Enjoys photography, sports, car racing,a reading, U.F.O.s, country music, beauty.
"My wife loves music, dance, hockey, cats, the outdoors, make-up & fashion, and psychology. I would love to correspond with others that are looking for friendship."
Diana Lalinde, 103 60th St, B-303-101, West New York, NJ 07093



Gloria W. (IL-0613)

Ellen S. (OR-0382)

GLORIA WRIGHT (Illinois)
Member: Chi Chapter Tri Ess, Windy City Chapter GGA
Awards: 1st Runner-Up Miss Windy City GGA '84
Hetero, 5'3", 32, outgoing, understanding, fun loving.
Enjoys music, singing, photography. Also enjoys going out 'dressed' and passes well.
"I love correspondence, and meetings with everyone."
Gloria Wright, Box 172, Gurnee, IL 60031

REBECCA SUZZANE C. (Southeast MA)
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
DWM, 50's, 6', long-time cross-dresser.
Enjoys golf, cooking, engineering, and, of course, being 'Suzanne'.
"I am totally addicted to the joys of cross-dressing. Ihave an easy-going personality and wish to establish friendship with other girls so that we may share the joys and frustrations of this wonderful feminine world that we share. If you're sensible and discreet, I would like to hear from you."
Suzanne C. (MA-0295)

RENEE CARROLL (Southeast CT)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant Tiffany's Weekend '82, Fantasia Fair, Shangri La, DREAM '83
SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.
Miss Renee Carroll, (CT-0292)

PAULA LOUISE RIORDAN (Eastern MA)
Tiffany General Member
Participant: Fantasia Fair '83
MWM hetero TV,52,5'8", 160, soft spoken, easy going, friendly. Enjoys history, philosophy, religion, cosmetology, fashion, cooking and ballet.
"I am happy being 'Paula', and I enjoy conversation & correspondence with friends I have met through the Tiffany Club and the Tapestry. Although opportunities are limited, I pass fairly well, & enjoy going out with friends."
Paula Louise Riordan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

ELLEN S (Oregon)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Corresponding Secretary for NW Chapter GGA
Participant DREAM '78,'80,'83
Grande Dame DREAM '83
Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music (big band era) and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.
Ellen S., c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

ROBIN B. (Central FL)
MWM, 50's, 6'1, 160, lifelong crossdresser.
Enjoys tennis, golf, sailing, racing sailboats, bridge, crossdressing.
"I would like to meet similar people in the Orlando, Daytona Beach, Tampa area."
Robin B. (FL-0611)

MICHELLE B. (Virginia)
Member: Delta Chi Chapter GGA
English, 53, professional automobile mechanic, a thinking man and a quiet and natural looking girl.
Enjoys gardening, roses and English cars of the thirties.
Michelle B. (VA-0617)

DOROTHY G. (New Jersey)
Member: Chi Delta Mu - Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair '80 & '81, Joyce Dewhurst's Pocono Weekends, Tiffany's Wives Group Outing '84
Hetero male crossdresser, with a very supportive wife. He 42, she 36.
Enjoys socializing, especially with other couples for friendship.
"My wife is handicapped (post-polio), but enjoys attending get-togethers. We're willing to help other couples having 'acceptance' problems."
Dorothy G. (NJ-0627)

Micheline Johnson (CAN-0560)

MICHELINE JOHNSON (Ontario, Canada)
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
A gentle person, attractive, open, honest, sensitive, young 40's, interesting company, non-smoker.
Enjoys life, dancing, dining, films, theatre, music, travel, conversation, walks, wild-life, water falls, sunsets, hand holding, hugging, togetherness.
"I'm looking for a romantic affectional asexual loving warm relationship, as a woman, with one special understanding cultured person having similar charcteristics with whom to share some of life together."
Micheline Johnson, Box 9155, Ottawa, Canada K1G-3T9

Trenna Mc (NY-0623)

TRENNA MARIE Mc. (Western NY)
Member: Tri Ess
MWM hetero TV, 60, 5'8", 185.
Enjoys woodworking, and model railroading.
"I enjoy corresponding with my sisters, and exchanging photos. I will answer all letters."
Trenna Marie Mc (NY-0623)

MARCIA GILBERT (Eastern MA)
MWM hetero TV, 41, dark, 5'7", sensitive and descreet.
Enjoys dressing (mostly for formal occasions), photography, dancing, and good times.
"I am just coming out, and would like to hear from all those who can help me be me."
Marcia G. (MA-0622)

LOUISE C. (Maine)
Member: Tri Ess
63, 5'9", 170, retired, active outdoor person.
Enjoys dancing, sailing, hunting, fishing, history, and bridge.
"I would like to meet and/or correspond with an understanding woman."
Louise C. (ME-0618)

BOBBIE BADAL (San Francisco, CA)
WM TV, 39, 5'6", 122, born under the birth sign Virgo.
Enjoys dating, music and swimming.
"I would like to meet a TV or TS for a serious relationship."
Bobbie Badal, Box 12062, San Francisco, CA 94112

LAURA R. COVINGTON (Northern CA)
Member GGA, Tri Ess, Shangri-La
MBM, hetero, 35, 5'8". Attractive, pleasant, understanding. Interested in contacting TVs and women. "I have many interest, and will answer all."
Laura R. Covington, P.O. Box 10431, Oakland, CA 94610

Ronnie Brown (MA-0632)

RONNIE BROWN (Western MA)
Member: Gateway Gender Alliance, Harriet Lane's TV Set
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair '84
Awards: Second Runner-Up Ms Provincetown '84
Pre-op bi TS, hormones 27 months, electrolysis 75% complete. Technically living as female full time and pass when "I feel like it". I am in that "twilight zone" where I'm known as a TS at work, as a male when not 'dressed' but when Ishopfor clothes or go places, Idress as female. I was never into the TV scene, and feel more comfortable in jeans and sneakers than in dresses and heels. Interested in photography, running, aerobics, computers, writing, and sewing. Mygoal is toachieve total femininity in mind and bodyto match my female spirit.
Ronnie Brown, Box 80458 Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01138

Shirley Knight (CO-0493)

Donna Marie H. (NY-0670)

SHIRLEY KAY KNIGHT (Colorado)

Member M.R.S.

Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend '83

SWM TV, 5'8, 41, friendly and feminine. Enjoys traveling, dancing, doin 'drag shows', teaching college classes on transvestism,sewing, and going out in public as Shirley. "I am interested in meeting other TVs, particularly in the Rocky Mountain region, that like to go out dressed, or travel."

Shirley K (CO-0493)

MARIETTE ALLEN (New York City)

Female. Photographer for Fantasia Fair '81-'84, and Tiffany's Spring Weekend '83-'84.

"I consider myself a friend of the paraculture. I am interested in making changes in society to reduce pain caused by 'gender dysphoria'."

"I am available for portrait photography at my studio in NYC, or in setting around the city. I am looking for crossdressers whom I could photograph at home with wife and children, anywhere in New England and Mid-Atlantic area."

M.P. Allen, 211 C.P.W., NYC, NY 10024

RENEE' SLOCUM (Northern NY)

SWM, 26, 5'11", 155, hetero crossdresser, college educated, shy but friendly, good sense of humor.

Interests: Enjoys music (R-n'-R) oldies), collecting antiques & anything old, tennis, ballet, cooking, elegant private parties, dressing up & being feminine.

"I would like to meet and/or correspond with other crossdressers and women. Crossdressing for 14 years and would eventually like to form a support group/club to serve the Finger Lakes area."

Renee' Slocum (NY-0651)

SHARON MC (Southeast MA)

Member: Tiffany General Member

Participant: Fantasia Fair

SWM TV, possible TS, bi, 31, 5'6", 140. Brunette, blue eyes, can pass.

Interests: Shopping trips, travel, skiing, old cars, all types of music, and being feminine.

"I'm interested in corresponding and meeting other TVs, TSs, and women with whom I can be my feminine self. Will answer all."

Sharon Mc (MA-0504)

DONNA MARIE H. (Western NY)

Member: Tri-Ess, Eon

MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'7", 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Married to a very supportive wife, father of 4 children.

Interests: Perfecting femme image, heels, lingerie, make-up, all things feminine. Also, camping, model building, custom painting, cars & vans.

I am interested in working to develop our group 'Eon' and working with those just coming out, and novices. Would like to work with couples and presenting hetero X-dressing to families & children."

Donna Marie H. (NY-0670)

JENNIFER PETERS (Central MA)

Member: Tiffany General Member

27, 5'9", 150. Easy going, lifelong interest in TVism.

Interests: Travel, music, clothes shopping, anything dealing with TVism.

"I hope to meet other persons anywhere who enjoy the experiences of a male transformed into a pretty woman."

Jennifer Peters, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Terri Downs (NV-0406)

TERRI DOWNS (Nevada)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Shangri-La
Participant: Shangri-La, DREAM
Auburn hair, grey eyes, 5'11", size 16/18. Loves flying, ham radio, country & string music. Is a book collector, a history buff, and into solar energy.
"I love to dress, attend dress-up parties, and meet other TV/TS girls. Will escort around Vegas, and will answer all. Picture is appreciated, but not necessary."
Terri Downs, Box 4116, N. Las Vegas, NV 89030-0116

LORI S. (Indiana)
TV, 41, 6'1", 175. Average looking, clean, descreet, very broadminded.
Interested in any and all TV activities.
"I am interested in meeting, rather than prolonged writing. I also prefer correspondance that is within a 100 mile radius of South-Central Indiana."
Lori S. (IN-641)

SANDRA B. (Northeastern MA)
46, 5'9", 155. Brown Hair, hazel eyes.
Interests: Crossdressing, learning to be more feminine.
"I'm just coming out of the closet and would like to correspond with other TVs."
Sandra B. (MA-0646)

CAROL TAYLOR (Northern NY)
41, 5'9", 170. Blonde, attractive (I'm told), friendly, outgoing.
Interests: Golf, skiing, boating, writing, intimate feminine apparel.
"I have a sincere interest in all aspects of crossdressing and femininity, and desire to correspond with and meet others. I have special knowledge and experience in underfashions and desire to help or discuiss same with others. Would love to help with figure problems, and will answer all."
Carol Taylor, Box 8831 Academy Sta., Albany, NY 12208

Eileen C. (OH-0486)

EILEEN CLAFLIN (OH)
MWM, hetero TV, 6', 35, passible on occasion. Loves kids, kittens, and being Eileen. Enjoys meetings and correspondence, music, photography & shopping. "Would like to make contact with other sisters to share experiences, viewpoints and understanding."
Eileen C (OH-0486)

BARBARA JANE A. (Minnisota)
Member: GGA
DWM closet TV, 57, 5'7".
Interests: Boys who would rather be girls.
"I would like to make new friends, especially in the Twin Cities area."
Barbara Jane (MN-0655)

Karen K. (NJ-0536)

DOLLY BAKER (Southern NH)
MWM, Hetero, late 50s, 6'2", 195. Has a good sense of humor, and an MBA in Marketing.
Interests: Sciences, nature, art, feminine fashions, toastmasters, photography.
"I'm finally coming out of the closet, and am anxious to meet sisters for girl-talk, shopping, mutual help. Business requires travel all of U.S., and some overseas. Correspondence is invited, welcomed, and answered."
Dolly Baker (NH-0648)

MURIAL E. (Delaware)
Member Tri Ess
Hetero, 5'8, retired. Has been crossdressing many many years. Loves to visit. Enjoys model building, and photography.
Murial E. (DE-0475)

Christina S. (MA-0649)

CHRISTINA S. (Boston)
36, 5'11", 175. Married, life-long TV.
"I enjoy dressing and becoming a woman. I'm an accomplished cook, baker, photographer. I'd love to correspond with and possibly meet with other TVs to discuss mutual interests. Want to get out of the closet and among friends."
Christy S. (MA-0649)

JANICE MARIE M. (Northern NJ)
Member: Chi Delta Mu - Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair (5X), DREAM (1X)
6', 200, 50's. Electronics engineer, former amateurradio operator, passes well in public.
Interests: Singing ballads (Irish, Scottish, & Country), shopping en femme, dining out en femme.
Janice M. (NJ- 0213)

PAMELA DEA (Washington)
5'11", 38, blue eyes. Friendly & gently, good sense of humor, has humanist philosophy.
Interests: Poetry, drama, all the fine arts, chess, and all things feminine.
"I'm looking for friends, female or male, TV, TS, etc., to help in feminization."
Pamela Dea, PO Box 1801, Yakima, WA 98907

Bobbie B. (CA-0620)

Judy S. (MA-0123)

ROBERTA CLARK (Virginia)
6'2" married TV with a wife learning to understand.
Interests: sports (basketball, football, baseball, etc.), movies, dancing, and plays.
"I would like to meet and become friends with other married TVs with understanding wives."
Roberta C. (VA-0598)

Cheryl Ann C.(NY-0669)

BOBBIE B (South Shore MA)
SWM, 47, bi, enjoy lingerie. Easy going, good looks, trim build, would like to hear from other TV/TSs. Will answer all.
Bobbie B (MA-0461)

Tracy S. (DC-0650)

TRACY S. (Washington DC)
WM TV, 5'11", 155, slim, passable, and sexy.
Interests: Travel, companionship, romance, living life to the fullest as a woman.
"I enjoy meeting and corresponding with all TVs, TSs, women and couples. I travel the East and Midwest, and can entertain visitors to Washington."
Tracy S. (DC-0650)

Shiela K. (PA-0336)

SHIELA KIRK (Western PA)
Member: Tiffany General Member, TransPitt, Paradise Club
Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing.
"I love music and literature - I work very hard so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm anxious to meet many others who delight in the same feelings." Shiela K (PA-0336)

CHERYL ANN C. (Western NY)
Member: Co-founder of Butterfly, Eon
5'8", 175, 33. "Married to a super lady who loves all of me."
Interests: Photography, computers, theater, of course crossdressing, organizing Butterfly.
"I love couples parties and traveling to other clubs to meet new people. I especially like the thrill of helping someone come out."
Cheryl Ann C., PO Box 7161, Endicott NY 13760

LEISA JEAN C. (Oklahoma)
Member: Tri Ess, GGA
Life long crossdresser, 39.
Interests: Photography, poetry, art and reading.
Leisa C. (OK-0643)

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (Boston MA)
MWM TV, 34, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood.
Interests: Music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running.
"I want to let my femininity blossom. I'm sensitive and caring. I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun. I need some TV/TS companionship."
Heather A. (MA-0661)

Danielle M. (CA-0553)

GERI LYNN (Detroit MI)
Member: Crossroads Chapter
Bi TV, 50's, 6', does not pass.
Interested in all things feminine, partial to heels, nylons, cosmetics, lingerie, nail polish.
"I'm interested in exchanging photos, and polaroid picture taking sessions. I will answer all letters."
Geri L (MI-0668)

Andi K. (CA-0656)

ANDI K. (Northern CA)
Member: Tri Ess, ETVC, GGA
Awards: Miss ETVC '84
Hetero, 36, 5'7".
"I am interested in meeting other TVs in the San Fraancisco Bay area for outings and mutual assistance. I will attempt to answer all correspondence."
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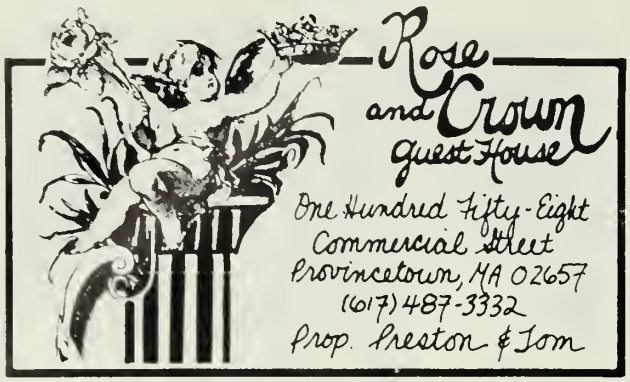

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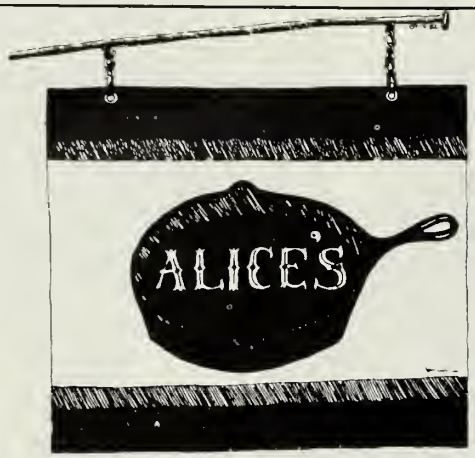

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Your listing should include a) any TV/TS Club affiliations, b) any major TV/TS events in which you have participated, c) any awards you may have won, d) a personal description, e) your interests and hobbies, f) a brief personal statement as to what you hope to achieve with your personal listing.

Adopted Name: _____ Affiliations, Events, Awards: _____

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Interests: _____

_____ Comments: _____

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Mailing Name & Address: _____

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